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# Really I Must Say!

## Happy Holigays

by Michael R. Gorman

Don't you just love this season? It's the time when aliens implant MUSAK receivers into every speaker in the country. I think they got careless this year; I swear I heard Perry Como coming out of my heating vent last night! And speaking of Christmas songs, can you honestly say you have actually ever known someone who has roasted chestnuts on an open fire? It's like the Christmas tradition that never was! (As opposed to Fruitcake, which is the Christmas tradition that never should have been. Our landfills would be much less landfilled if it were not for fruitcake.) I decided that I'm going to roast chestnuts this year just so I can feel a sense of genuineness (is that a word?) when I sing that damn song.

Christmas! Who can deny a feeling of warm nostalgia when reading that traditional holiday refrain, "the courts ruled that the creche violates the constitutional separation of church and state and must be removed from the lawn of city hall." One creative group this year protested the removal of such a nativity scene by showing up in costume and acting out a "living nativity." Be afraid. Be very afraid. The virgin Mary (strategic cough) in this particular incarnation probably had really big hair. Let's just hope the baby involved got a little more nurturing attention than the baby in the traditional "non-living nativities." I will never buy a nativity set until somebody makes one with Mary actually holding the baby, preferably breastfeeding. And Joseph should be sitting on a hay bale with

May your  
holidays be  
happy, genuine,  
honest, and filled  
with love. . .

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## Boycotting in Our Best Interest?

Dear Editor,

Is boycotting a company a solution to discrimination???

Boycotting companies with discriminatory policies is not an effective method of social change. Boycotting does exactly what a discriminating company wants you to do -- that is: "go away, remain hidden." Boycotting sends a message of "Hey I'm not doing business with you because you're a bigot!" What better way to win friends?

Try comparing the situation to blacks trying to eat in a white only diner, earlier this century. They went there and patronized the diner. If they stayed away they were doing what the white class wanted them to do. Which action has proven to be the more productive method of minorities gaining acceptance by their oppressors?

Randy Shilts' book Conduct Unbecoming clearly demonstrates that the most credible evidence for allowing lesbians and gays in the military were the lesbians and gays that were in and had served the country, not the lesbians and gays who boycotted the military.

We should tell people to call the Adolph Coors Company at 1-800-642-6116 and let them know about how we feel about their job application question concerning sexual orientation. Coors will pay for the call.

Maybe we can have a "National Call Coors Day?"

What about companies whose discrimination policies take on a more subtle form? The tennis professional, Martina Naratilova, never received an endorsement contract, as other high profile athletes have. How do we tell Nike, General Mills, Dunlop, etc. about how wrong this is?

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie Peters

## Diversity and Unity in the Goal

Dear Editor,

In Reference to Mr. Gray's letter, "We Aren't Us" (mid-October, 1994), we as the founding members of Colorscope would like to respond to his misunderstandings about the organization.

During the early development of Colorscope in 1993, the organization itself evolved from a series of conversations from a diverse group of people, including a gay white male. The consensus was that forming an organization that reflected the diverse lesbian/bisexual/gay/transgender community that defined pride on attributes of not only lesbian/bisexual/gay/transgender identity but also of race, ethnicity, gender, age, HIV status and a great deal more -- and not merely "pigmentation" -- was needed.

While we acknowledge your criticism, we would like to point out that your argument is based on a misinterpretation of a half-quote. We as a group are lucky enough to have friends who represent the full range of the rainbow and in attending events throughout the community, it was clear that the attendees were skewed to one end of the spectrum. We want to attend events that represent the

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# Feature

by Michael R. Gorman

In a short time 1994 will be over, and we will mark the halfway point of the 90s, the decade many of us optimistically called "The Gay 90's" when it began five years ago.

Yet following the Republican sweep of the elections this year a somberness has descended on many in the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender community.

Wasn't it just last year when the straight world was knee-deep in Lesbian Chic? Didn't we just elect a Democratic president who could actually say the "G" word (though apparently not embrace the people so labelled)? Didn't we just celebrate the two largest gatherings of gay people in history, one a march, one a partymarch? What happened? Who rained on our parade?!

It seemed we relaxed for just a moment, and all hell broke loose. What's going on? If this is the reward for all the hard work and risk, what's the use? Dressing the fool for Marti Gras is one thing; being played for a fool is quite another.

Well, despair and complacency are two faces on the same fool, the one who allows the most recent victory or the latest defeat to define his response to the world. So how do we keep our celebration from turning into complacency and our griev-



Roberta Achtenberg has something to smile about in 1994.

## A Year to Remember 1994 A Year to Forget

ing into despair? Both responses stop our forward movement.

The answer is history. History. The fool forgets his history. The wisewoman within, on the other hand, tells us to remember history, to place today's events into the larger context. Only then can we accurately assess the meaning of recent events and formulate a reasonable response.

So let's look back over the year. But let's not look with a fuzzy nostalgia from under a comforter on the rocking chair. Or if we do, let's just be sure our rollerblades are strapped on underneath, poised for the next push, the next leg of the race.

In Sacramento, the new year began with the reverberations of the old, especially December 21, 1993, the day that Barry Manilow performed at Arco Arena in the largest fundraiser for AIDS in Sacramento history. It was also the day James Edward Graves, a Sacramento gay man, was murdered and his apartment set afire. Happy New Year!

In January, Tom Hank's hit film about AIDS discrimination "Philadelphia" was still in the theaters, but the real-life case that mimics it had not hit the news yet. Brenda and Wanda Henson began stepping up their national efforts to alert the nation to the intense homophobia being faced by their Camp Sister Spirit in Overt, Mississippi. The two brave lesbians visited Northern California on fundraising jaunts several times during the year.

Continuing the subject of

brave lesbians, it seemed that most of the entertainers with the courage to be out this year were lesbians. The k.d. lang soundtrack for "Even Cowgirls Get The Blues" beat the movie to release, and beat it to the finish line with most critics. Melissa Etheridge continued to rock our socks off and talk up a storm about being proud and out. She was VH1's female rock star poster child. (So much for the "there goes my career excuse used by so many other performers.") Lilly Tomlin (admittedly sometimes semi-out)



Rick Gerhart

**The Hensons took it on the road to raise awareness.**

and her lover began promoting a new book, *Edith Ann: My Life So Far As Told To Jane Wagner*. Television's Amanda Bearce was everywhere.

Still the violence continued. At the end of the January another gay man was murdered in Sacramento. A couple of hustlers from Utah were taken into custody for the brutal murder of 70-year-old Leon Kaufman. He was an active volunteer and of-

ten fed and sheltered the homeless street kids.

Politics in Hawaii continued to grab the nation's attention in February as Representative Terrance Tom introduced a bill to define marriage as only legal between a man and a woman who present the biological possibility of producing children. It was an attempt to beat the planned court ruling on the legality of same-sex marriages. Senator Rey Gaulty, in the mean time introduced a domestic partnership bill in an attempt to make the Hawaii Supreme Court preliminary ruling in favor of gay marriages moot.

On the international scene, Amnesty International finally began an intensive campaign to fight world-wide persecution of gays and lesbians.

International politics, and the AIDS community in particular, lost one of its most powerful voices with the death on February 22 of Randy Shilts, author of *And The Band Played On*, and *Conduct Unbecoming*. Reverend Fred Phelps of Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, attempted to picket the funeral with his usual hateful signs like "God Hates Fags." (He attended the Stonewall 25 march later in the year as well). San Francisco activists pelted the religious demonstrators with eggs and fruit and drove them away in about 15 seconds.

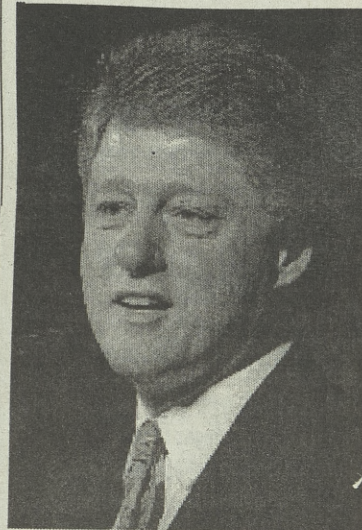
California gay politics began to heat up in March with the introduction of the state Domestic Partnership bill by Richard Katz (D-Los Angeles) to the Assembly Judiciary Com-

mittee.

Needle exchange efforts for Sacramento county got started as well, reflecting the larger push for a state needle exchange statute.

The River City Metropolitan Church of Sacramento suffered a severe loss on March 27 when its building burned down. The good news was that the worship services and offices were already being moved to the chapel on the former Mather Air Force Base. MCC won its bid to buy the church.

After a critically acclaimed and ratings rich airing of the PBS miniseries based on his *Tales of the City*, Armistead Maupin hit the news wires in April when PBS refused to fund the sequel to "Tales" in spite of its being their most successful miniseries ever. Maupin claimed that the public channel's new president, Ervin Duggan, gave in to pressure from the religious right, particularly a campaign by Reverend Donald



Rick Gerhart

**President Clinton continued to back down on his promises.**

Wildman of the American Family Association.

NBC, in the meantime, rounded out its fare in May with an airing of the "Roommates," a made for television movie about two men, one straight and one gay, who become roommates at a hospice for people with AIDS. The film was well received and engendered little controversy. Perhaps the producers should send Maupin a thank you for creating a diversion.

On May 21, Washington politics gave Sacramento a dose of bitter irony. While Bill Clinton made one of his many election year appearances in California at McClellan Air Force Base, across town at the Army National Guard headquarters His "Don't ask; don't tell" policy was

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## Gay Workers Earn Less

An independent study at the University of Maryland at College Park on the impact of anti-gay job discrimination has found that gay men and lesbians earn less than their non-gay counterparts with similar education, training and occupations. The findings refute the stereotype of gay people as an "affluent elite" unworthy of equal rights under the law. The study, "Economic Evidence of Sexual Orientation Discrimination," marks the first scientific economic research conducted on the problem of job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

## Hillary Uneasy About Condoms

Washington, DC - Hillary Rodham Clinton said she is "not comfortable" with condom distribution in schools, according to an interview published in *Newsweek's* October 31 issue.

"I would much prefer that every child be given appropriate guidance and discipline so that that was never an issue," she said. "But I also think that it is a problem that has to be addressed in certain parts of the country where, for whatever reasons, family and religion have failed to do their jobs."

Clinton, who called herself an "old fashioned Methodist," discussed her religious beliefs

during the *Newsweek* interview.

## Murderer of Gays Arrested

Gary Ray Bowles, 32, the Virginia drifter linked to the serial slayings of at least six gay men, was arrested Nov. 23, in Jacksonville Beach, Florida after police traced him to the Nov. 16 murder of a gay floral designer in the adjacent city of Jacksonville.

Gay activists hailed the arrest as the end of what has become a horrifying, eight-month murder spree in which Bowles strangled, shot, or bludgeoned men he met and befriended in gay bars on the East Coast between Florida and Washington, D.C.

## Apple Executive To Lead HRCF

The Board of Directors of the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) named Apple Computer executive Elizabeth Birch today to succeed Tim McFeeley as the civil rights group's next Executive Director.

Birch, 38, a former co-chair of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force is currently Director of Litigation and Human Resources Counsel for Apple Computer, Inc.

McFeeley, who led the Campaign Fund for more than five years, announced in July that he would leave the organization

after the November elections.

"Though the task at hand is enormous," said Birch. "I am motivated by a bright optimism for the future of lesbians and gay men in this country. Always, in the final analyses, the American people always choose structures that foster equal opportunity and fairness."

## Genre Tussles with Barbie

People flipping through the pages of November's *Genre* magazine, a gay publication, are apt to notice the missing people in some of the photographs for a story on first dates.

According to editor Ronald Mark Kraft, the magazine planned to run pictures of two Ken doll shaped figures on a typical first date. But when *Genre* asked Mattel's legal department for permission to publish the Barbie doll images, the corporation's marketing department said no.

*Genre's* lawyers then asked Mattel to reconsider the marketing department policy. After all, according to Kraft, other magazines such as *Spy* have published photographs of bound and gagged Barbie dolls in compromising positions without legal consequence.

The Mattel legal department, according to Kraft, stopped returning *Genre's* phone calls.

"Finally, they did the courageous thing," wrote Kraft. "They left a perky little message on our attorney's voice mail: No."

*Genre* cut the Ken doll images out of their photographs, which now have white space where the images had been. Claiming that Mattel selectively enforced its copyright, *Genre* is calling for a boycott of Mattel products.

## Marvelous News

Marvel Comics -- which is currently revamping its X-Men comic book storyline -- has announced that the short-lived gay superhero, "Northstar," might make a come back. The Northstar character was featured in the Alpha Flight comic book series and he officially "came out" in 1992, drawing expected fire from fundamentalist homophobes.

In an interview with *Wizard* magazine, comics writer Scott Lobdell said that Northstar could be introduced as part of the new X-Men series. When specifically asked if Northstar would continue to be a gay character, Lobdell said: "If he appears in the book, yes. I don't think it would be fair to introduce him into the book and not explore every facet of the character."

The X-Men series is currently one of the most popular comic book creations, and the inclusion of a gay character would represent a significant breakthrough.

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# Quote, Unquote

by Rex Wockner

"I have power. I have authority. I have access. I can make things happen."

—President Clinton's new AIDS czar, Patricia Fleming.



"My advice would be to try to abstain from sex until you find a partner you want to stay with for a long, long time. . . Sexually active kids should have access to condoms. But as to where they get them, that is a local decision."

—Fleming.



"The circumstances of Friar Cosgraves's death shocked and saddened everyone and made his death even more tragic."

—Dublin, Ireland, Catholic Archbishop Desmond Connell after one of his priests had a heart attack at a gay bathhouse Nov. 12 and was given "last rites" by two other priests who happened to be there too.



"I mean to enjoy myself next year and try to figure out what to do with the rest of my life. I'm going to kick back, take some nice vacations and see what tugs at my heart strings. . . I'll see what's really closest to my heart and make sure whatever I get involved in, that I can make a difference."

—Martina Navratilova, who retired this month.



"Pedro was particularly instrumental in reaching out to his own generation, where AIDS is striking hard. Through his work with MTV, he taught young people that 'the real world' includes AIDS and that each of us has the responsibility to protect ourselves and our loved ones. We will never know how many lives he saved as he struggled to deal with his own illness, but they will be his lasting contribution to all of us."

—Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles on the death from AIDS of MTV star Pedro Zamora.



"I don't really like there to be a line between straight culture and gay culture or gay life and straight life. Our society is in danger of disintegrating, generally, because people are starting to, over the last 20 years, polarize themselves into little interest groups."

—Pet Shop Boy Neil Tennant to Australia's *Melbourne Star Observer*.



"In the past two years, our nation has re-energized its response to HIV and AIDS. At a time of zero budget growth, funding for AIDS programs has been increased by 30 percent. AIDS research funding has risen by 25 percent, and money going to grants under the Ryan White CARE Act has been increased by 82 percent, bringing vital services to thousands of men, women, and children in need. Our research efforts have been reorganized and refocused, and they have already begun to produce results."

—President Clinton's proclamation of Dec. 1 as World AIDS Day.



"R.E.M.'s lead singer — Michael Stipe — seems to be the epitome of empty-mindedness on the subject of sexual orientation. When asked about his sexual orientation, Stipe told an MTV interviewer, 'I just don't think it's anyone's business what I do with my dick, unless they're sitting in my lap.' Asking someone if he is gay is not the same as asking him to provide a biographical history of his penis. And if being gay is neither evil nor vile, then why can't we talk about it?"

—The Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.



"I actually got a big response from lesbians when the album first came out. I think a lot of women felt they had found a voice that they could relate to."

—Singer Cheryl Crow ("All I Wanna Do Is Have Some Fun") to *Rolling Stone*.



"I'd have done it all again — but this time with a condom."

—Jim Hutton, lover of the late rock star Freddie Mercury, in a new autobiography. Hutton is HIV-positive.



"I've never had any bad response (at concerts), not any incidents. My audience has been wonderful. I'd say they're about 40 percent gay and the rest straight. I have really large straight audiences. We deal with each other and they're just fine. There are just as many guys going crazy in the front rows as there are girls."

—Rocker Melissa Etheridge to London's *Capital Gay*.



"I've always said that if anyone ever thought I was straight they must need glasses — but when I finally came out and said, 'Yes, I do sleep with men and I'm gay,' yeah, I lost record sales. There's no question — big, big time."

—Boy George to the AIDS magazine *POZ*.



"Employees may purchase one ticket for themselves plus one for a significant other or suitable substitute."

—The San Diego-based high-tech communications company Qualcomm on its holiday-party invitation.

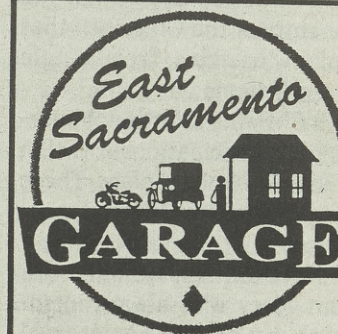


"You stated that 'Republicans, as a party, do nothing for the gay community, and the Log Cabin people are kidding themselves and our community if they believe the Republican Party cares about the lesbian and gay community.' I take strong issue with your statement. . . The Republican Party is a big tent with a wide variety of people from all walks of life. Elected Republican officials such as Sen. James Jeffords, Sen. John Chafee, Mayor Richard Riordan and Congresswoman Connie Morella (to name just a few) share the Log Cabin Republicans position on issues of concern to the gay community."

—Jeanie Austin, Co-Chairman of the Republican National Committee, writing to Human Rights Campaign Fund Executive Director Tim McFeeley, objecting to remarks he made to a Boston gay newspaper.



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red-rimmed eyes and a goofy "what do I do now?" expression on his face. (He could be saying, "What do you mean Newt Gingrich says he has to go to an orphanage?" Hey, next year we can add a new tradition: Gather round children and I'll tell you the story of the Gingrich that stole Christmas from single parent's homes.)

Ah Christmas! Let's not overlook the anticipation we feel in making our holiday plans. There are several traditional scenarios:

-- Have Christmas dinner with Aunt Mary who always introduces you as "My homosexual nephew, Mark" but who at least allows you to bring your lover and not call him your roommate.

-- Go together to your parent's house where the

grandkids love and accept you, where Mom will adamantly avoid any talk of "your sex life" and where Dad will sit watching football with a frown on his face.

-- Go together to her parent's house where she will refer to you as "my roommate who has no place to go this Christmas so I brought her along," and where everyone will pretend to believe her.

-- Go to Marty's house where all the stray gays and lesbians whose parents won't see them at holidays hang out for Christmas dinner. Better food, but your lover's ex will be there.

-- Do the holiday divorce; you go to your parents and she goes to her parents. Remarry for New Year's Eve.

-- Piss them all off by having your own private Christmas dinner by candlelight. Good food. Good company. Great dessert.

Then there are the private traditions that each of us has.

My own include:

-- double-checking the custody decree to see if my son is with me the first half of the holiday or the second half this year.

-- sitting on the bleachers at Rose Of Lima Square watching the outdoor ice skating and pretending that I'm Ali McGraw and that the cute guy on skates is Ryan O'Neal showing off for me because he feels bad about what he did, but he doesn't say so because love means never having to say you're sorry.

-- Shopping with my son for our annual new Christmas tree decoration. This year he bought a ceramic decoration of the caterpillar from Alice In Wonderland sitting on a mushroom smoking a bong. He thinks it's wonderfully ironic that people don't know that the author was stoned when he wrote this "kid's book." It's all a part of this year's "adults are clueless" attitude. (Smart kid.) I'm making my decoration this year. I'm putting my gay Ken doll in a

dress and attaching gossamer fairy wings. Maybe he'll replace the tree-top star.

Christmas has changed a lot for me since the closet walls

up. The few biological connections that survived the post-coming out homophobia rush are more real now than ever before. And those current "fam-

## I've learned to make and cherish my own traditions and those of the homes that welcome me.

came tumbling down. I suspect I'm not alone. I'm one of the strays without a "home" in the traditional sense, but I've learned to make and cherish my own traditions and those of the homes that will welcome me. I'm fortunate to have a son who loves me and thinks "gay people are way cool." My Christmases are more playful, less rule-bound, and sometimes a little tinged with sadness. But the family with which I surround myself now is more genuine, more loving, and more loyal than anything I experienced growing

ily members" with whom I do not share genetic heritage but whom I love are connected to me in ways that genes cannot duplicate. Life is good.

May your holidays too be happy, genuine, honest, and filled with love for the man, woman or child that you are. Most of all, may you love yourself as you deserve. And if you run out of wood for that romantic fire, rip down that last wall of the closet and burn the studs. As my favorite philosopher Ted said, "Be excellent to one another."

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entire rainbow and not just a few colors. The phrase "events that look like us" is meant to describe everyone in the lesbian/bisexual/gay/transgender community.

Furthermore, Mr. Gray, if you would like to form yet one more organization of gay-white-males-only, that is fine. However, in taking pride on your attributes of "white" and "male" you must also take in the historical implications that your status carries.

In conclusion, we would like to know why it is that you targeted this organization and not other organizations whose

memberships are based on one or two attributes such as income, socio-economic status, race, ethnicity and gender. We do not want to begin a letter-writing war with you and do not wish to engage in such inflammatory rhetoric in a faceless media. If you want more clarification about Colorscope, call our contact phone number at (916) 443-6922.

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## Thank You Tony Miller

Dear Editor,

Having spent the last six months as a volunteer in the Tony Miller for Secretary of State campaign office, I feel qualified to alert our community to the remarkable candidacy of Tony and his campaign

staff. Never did they resort to the negativism so characteristic of candidates for other offices. Tony was determined, and succeeded, to maintain the integrity he has exhibited throughout his professional career and private life. Even though he was trapped by an anti-incumbent, anti-democrat tide and was defeated by the author of the grossly popular "Three Strikes" law, Tony garnered more votes than any openly gay candidate in the history of state and federal elections losing by less than one percent of total votes cast.

Certainly Tony with his partner, Peter, are to be admired not only by us in the gay community but by all people who pursue what is just in our society. Please join me in wishing Tony and Peter good fortune in their years ahead.

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## Gay Man Brutally Murdered in Midtown

by Michael R. Gorman

**H**is eyes were gouged out. His lips were sliced off. His rectum was cut. His genitals were slashed. His skull was pierced with a power drill. The victim was an openly gay man.

The suspect arrested for the brutal murder claimed to have come to Sacramento from Vancouver, British Columbia to marry a woman. His father kicked him out of the house soon after, and he was living homeless.

Though not closed to the possibility, police are not investigating the homicide of Ronnie Neal, 40, as a hate crime. A

police spokesperson indicated suspect Michael G. Pitt's willingness to go home with Neal as a primary reason, although he said he could not discuss more sensitive aspects of the investigation. Sacramento's mainstream press did not report the victim's sexuality or the possibility of hate motivation despite his openness about his lifestyle and neighbor's willing-

ness to discuss it.

"I personally think it was a hate thing," said long-time friend and neighbor Sheryl Grays. "All the things he did to Ron: that is a gay hate crime. If he was coming out here to get married to a woman..."

Grays continued, "Ron invited him back to his house. He had to know Ron was gay. Ron was very open. They come home, played cards or whatever, did crank, and when things heated up to the sexual thing, he couldn't handle it. He was going along for the get-high drink ride, and when it came to the point when they were to do something, Michael couldn't handle it."

Grays had called 911 on Sunday, Dec. 4 when Neal did not

answer the door of his apartment in the 2700 block of C Street. "We talked on the phone 14 times a day. I knew something was wrong." Early that morning police had already arrested the suspect Pitt when he was reported on the porch of a D Street apartment, naked and eating dog food.

Neighbor Kevin Ray remembered Ronnie Neal's frequently sighted kindness and generosity. "He was a nice guy. He always helped people out. He had that sassiness that a lot of Black queens have. He never tried to bullshit you; he laid it on the line."

Sacramento Police spokesperson Michael Heenan said of Pitt's motivation, "Because he was a willing participant in ev-

everything that went on, we don't tend to think it was a bias based crime. Whatever set Pitt off is still murky. A lot of the problem with perception comes in our not being able to use the same definitions as the lay observer. If we can't demonstrate hate, we can't define it as a hate crime. Bringing a stranger home in midtown is just not a safe thing to do. Mr. Neal brought someone he didn't know home. Unfortunately that person was willing to kill him."

A memorial service was held the Saturday after the murder at Sacramento Mortuary on Stockton Boulevard, though none of Neal's many gay or lesbian friends were invited, according to Grays.



### Asian Pacific Sisterhood Reaching Out to Women

by PJ Dunker

**T**ake a moment and imagine being Asian and lesbian. Both carry distinct and oppressive stereotypes that often presents an image so constricted that it is impossible for some to picture, even an Asian lesbian.

For many, grappling with internal and external pressures can be overwhelming without some kind of support. Recognizing this need, the Asian Pacific Sisterhood was founded a year ago by two women determined to create and project an

image that other lesbian and bi-sexual Asian women could identify with and grow from.

Understanding any culture not one's own is only part of the challenge faced by Asian immigrants in the United States. As

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## New AIDS Hospice to Open

by Stan Carlsen

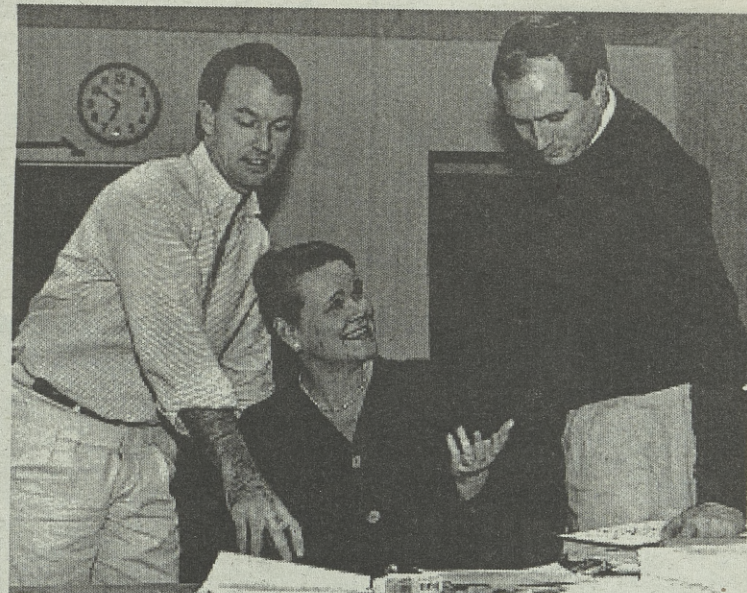
**S**acramento's AIDS Housing Alliance has announced that a six bed hospice will be opening by the end of December in Carmichael.

The only such licensed facility in the Sacramento area, the hospice which will be named 'Avalon', will provide a home to indigent people with end-stage AIDS who would otherwise be housed in skilled nursing facilities, acute-care hospitals or be left homeless.

Because of the acute need for additional hospice space since the scaling-back of Hope House, the volunteers making up the AIDS Housing Alliance have worked tirelessly and in the face of several delays to get the 'Avalon' project to this point.

Spokesperson Roger Winchell was hopeful in looking forward to the opening.

"This will be a very comfortable home for six patients, each with their own room in a quiet



Avalon's board members Burt Douglass (treasurer), Melissa Culloy (secretary) and Brian Putler (president) talk over the many issues surrounding the opening of the new hospice.

Carmichael neighborhood," said Winchell. He also announced that the AIDS Housing Alliance was kicking off its annual Holiday Raffle. For a ten dollar fee, a participant can buy enough tickets to reach from the end of one outstretched arm to the other (30 to 40 tickets). The prizes have been donated by over 30 Sacramento merchants and range from a 19-inch color TV to valuable gift certificates and personal trainer services.

Underwritten by Ryan White funding, 'Avalon' will admit patients with AIDS who are still

ambulatory, but in the last six months of life.

The project has been coordinated by the housing alliance, with the support of the UC Davis Medical Center Hospice, the Sacramento AIDS Foundation and the Center for AIDS Research, Education and Services, known as CARES.

Depending on the success of 'Avalon', another hospice may be added to the stock of housing for AIDS patients. More information about the hospice is available from the Housing Alliance at (916) 979-0925.

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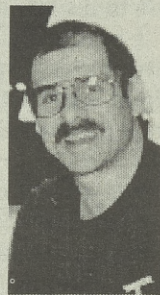
Michael passed quietly and  
peacefully from this life on  
Thursday, Nov. 17. His death  
was due to AIDS-related respi-

ratory failure.

Michael moved from Boston,  
Massachusetts to San Francisco  
in 1976 -- full of hope and  
dreams for a more enriched

life and one  
that would em-  
brace his gay  
lifestyle. He  
loved San  
Francisco and  
all that being  
part of the gay  
community  
meant to him.  
He was a proud gay man both in  
spirit and deed.

Michael had many admirable  
attributes: the ability to make  
friends easily, being generous  
to a fault, expressing compas-  
sion to people less fortunate  
than most, possessing a keen  
sense of humor and quick wit,  
having the capacity to turn the  
simplest of plans into an ad-  
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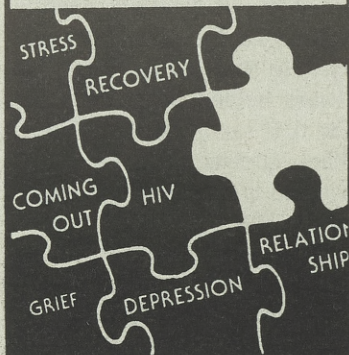
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Michael was a fabulous cook  
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He also loved watching videos  
and going to the movies. He  
had a special gift with animals,  
and they had a special rapport  
with him.

Michael moved to Sacramento  
in 1985. He eventually settled  
into bartending at the Wreck  
Room until he became too ill to  
work.

Michael is survived by his  
mother, Theresa, of Norwalk,  
Connecticut; his father, Patrick,  
of Harkers Island, North Caro-  
lina; three brothers, Albert and  
Patrick of Norwalk, Connecti-  
cut; and Alfred of San Fran-  
cisco. He also leaves behind his  
two cats, Sneakers and  
Squeakers.

Many, many thanks to  
Michael's close friends, Eric  
Womack, Robert Curington, Jim  
Gawronski and Tom Stewart,  
all of Sacramento, without  
whose help his family members  
could not have gotten through  
this difficult time and loss.  
Thanks also to workers and  
volunteers at the Sacramento  
AIDS Foundation and Kaiser  
Hospital, Sacramento -- Hos-  
pice Ward for all their help and  
support.

Michael was a decent, caring  
man who lived life to his fullest  
capacity. He never held a  
grudge; he never cried; and he  
never complained. He died as  
he had lived -- bravely.

Restaurant and made many  
friends who came to know him  
as a fun and multitalented man.  
Dyle excelled at knitting,  
needlework, singing, and bak-  
ing. He was a quiet, gentle man  
with a sensitive nature and a  
wonderfully dry sense of hu-  
mor. Dyle died in Salt Lake City  
on Nov. 6, after a lengthy battle  
with AIDS. He was greatly loved  
and will be sorely missed.

## Gary Don Smith

One of the Sacramento gay  
community's brightest lights.  
He was a friend to virtually ev-  
eryone he encountered, and was  
always ready to help a friend in  
need.

Gary's favorite joys in life  
were: spending time with his  
friends, reading every book he  
could lay his hands on, driving  
fast cars - fast, and spending  
quality time with his blow dryer,  
never leaving home until he was  
picture perfect, (as anyone who  
ever had to wait for him in the  
morning could attest to.)

I'm sure Gary would want to  
thank two very special friends  
who gave him a tremendous  
amount of support and friend-  
ship; Jim Munroe and Bill  
Fulton. Two very special people.  
Also a very special thank you to  
the caring staff of Sutter Gen-  
eral Hospital who made him  
comfortable and made it pos-  
sible for him to pass with dig-  
nity.

Gary entered into peace on  
Dec. 5, and is survived by his  
parents George and Karen  
Smith, his sister Tina, and her  
family Gary, Ryan, and Randi,  
his brother Bill, his dog Dachs-  
Anne, and his Evil-Step-Sister-  
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# Sacramento Newsbits

## Gorman Sues Former Employer

Because of anti-gay harassment and death threats, he had a bodyguard to get him safely between his classes. His students staged a walkout to protest his firing. For fear of their own safety, his gay and lesbian friends pulled away from him. Someone scratched "faggot" over the picture of him and his son on his desk. He had to skip the last day of school because of information that someone was bringing a gun...

After three years of living with what he calls "a nightmare," Michael Gorman's wrongful termination lawsuit against Yucaipa Joint Unified School District is finally moving to court.

Yucaipa is a small, conservative Southern California town where Gorman taught for a year before his fundamentalist Christian principal made it clear that homosexual teachers were not acceptable. Notice of non-rehire soon followed.

In a legal deposition on Monday, December 5, Thomas J. Mullen, lawyer for the district, tried to get Gorman to name the names of the other gay and lesbian teachers in the district. Under oath in a sworn deposi-

tion, Gorman refused. "They're closeted out of fear. I won't let my attempt to stand up to the bigots put them in danger. I'll go to jail for contempt first," Gorman explained.

With limited financial resources, Gorman is afraid court fees might jeopardize his chance to confront the district. Friends have set up a fund to help pay costs. If the suit is successful, Gorman has said he will pay out of his settlement the amount of the donations to establish a fund for gays and lesbians in similar job discrimination suits.

Donations can be sent to The Michael Gorman Legal Fund, P.O. Box 162502, Sacramento, Ca 95816.

## CAPPAC Regroups Miller Joins

California Capitol Political Action Committee (CAPPAC) reeled last month under the revelation that its treasurer, James Smith, had embezzled \$10,000 from the group. Smith confessed the theft to co-chair David Felderstein when Felderstein handed him a list of campaign contributions for which there was no money in the treasury. After a series of emergency meetings, the group's board decided not to press criminal charges. Ar-

rangements for repayment have been made with Smith, and the finances of the group have been turned over to the law firm of Olsen, Hagel, Fong, Leidigh, Waters, and Fishburn. "It's a move we should have made a long time ago. The firm specializes in political reporting. This is the way most large PACS are run," said Felderstein.

CAPPAC also announced that former Secretary of State Tony Miller will join the CAPPAC board. Felderstein told *the latest ISSUE*, "A person of Tony's stature will help us accomplish our mission more effectively. We greatly appreciate his willingness to join us at this time."

## Gay Health Care Network

Neo Natal Night will be the kick off celebration for "qHS prn" a new social and networking organization for Gay and Lesbian Health Care Professionals of Central California. The

event will be held Jan. 21, from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. in Capitol Plaza Hall's Silver Room, 1025 Ninth Street, in Sacramento. It is open to all gay and lesbian health care professionals and student health care professionals in central California.

"qHS prn" is the brain child of Sacramento pathologist, Dan Schwartz, MD. Its mission is to provide social and networking opportunities for gay and lesbian people in health care professions in the greater central California area. Membership is open to gay and lesbian health care professionals, student health care professionals, and their partners. Benefits of membership include: a newsletter of information and events; invitations and discount admissions to special events; networking opportunities; and, scholarship opportunities for Student members.

The event will be a social that includes entertainment, dancing, desserts, coffee and a no host bar. Founding members

and the association management team will also be on hand to answer questions about qHS prn and membership.

For more information about Neo Natal Night or "qHS prn" call (916) 454-9136.



## JoAnn Loulan Returns

SACWN will present, "An Evening with JoAnn Loulan" on Friday, January 13, from 6:30 continued on page 12

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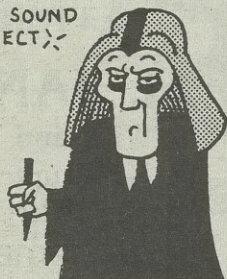
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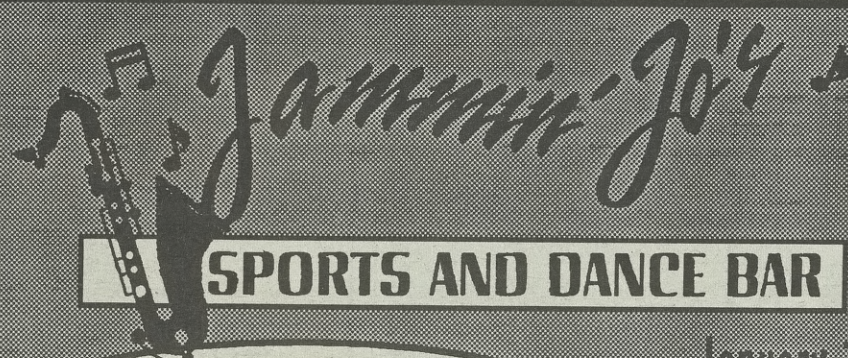
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# Plans Underway for Statewide AIDS Walk, Bike Ride

by Stan Carlsen

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The opportunity for mass action in this battle will present itself this Spring and Summer as the California AIDS Walk 1995 and the California AIDS Ride 2 rivet attention.

Under the banner, "Taking Steps to Fight AIDS," the walk will start June 1 in Laguna Beach and proceed up the coast, through Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, the Bay Area and Santa Rosa, and will end up at the State Capitol in Sacramento on Aug. 31.

California AIDS Ride 2 presented by Tanqueray is slated

for May 14-20. It is a 525-mile, seven-day event beginning in San Francisco and ending in Los Angeles. Now in its second year, the ride is expected to double in size with more than 1,200 riders coming together in hopes of raising more than \$2 million, to support the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and the Jeffrey Goodman Special Care Clinic and other services of the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center.

In contrast to the ride, AIDS Walk 1995 is not a fundraiser.

It also has a much broader goal entailing far more preparation than the bicycle event, with several organizing meetings having already been held in various parts of the state.

The walk will be no small undertaking and has no pre-set corporate sponsorship as does the bike ride. The event coordinators will be seeking support at all levels of the endeavor; transporting, feeding, sheltering and providing day-to-day support for 50 to 100 people for three months; the compilation and dissemination

of AIDS education and safer-sex materials and resources, and a wide range of treatment information, including alternative therapies to be used for the duration of the walk; and the organizing of rallies, picnics, and other events in all the communities visited.

Individuals and groups wishing to participate in any way, can contact the California AIDS Walk at (916) 535-5067, or by writing P.O. Box 188135, Sacramento, 95818-8135.

For information on the AIDS Ride 2, call (213) 874-7474.

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p.m. at the Beverly Garland Hotel. Loulan's presentations are funny, poignant and inspirational psycho-comedy about lesbian lives and loves. The Advocate says, "If you've only

read Loulan, you're in for a treat. She's hilarious, bringing her books warmth and kindness alive in her speeches but adding a raucous sense of humor that makes her lectures funnier than comedy acts."

JoAnn Loulan is a best selling author, sex educator and psy-

chotherapist specializing in the sexual and emotional concerns of lesbians. JoAnn's provocative humor and warmth, combined with her incisive observations on lesbian culture, make her one of the nation's most in-demand "out" lesbian speakers.

JoAnn Loulan is the best selling author of four books. *The Lesbian Erotic Dance: Butch, Femme and Other Rhythms* offers a witty and profound look at lesbian eroticism and androgynous images. *Lesbian Passion: Loving Ourselves and Each Other* was nominated by the American Library Association as one of the Top Five Gay Books of 1987. *Lesbian Sex*, written in 1984 is the definitive resource for lesbians and counseling professionals on lesbian

sexuality. She has appeared on Oprah, Geraldo and Phil Donahue.

JoAnn is currently at work on her book, *Gender Jail* which explores her expanding concept of genders, sexuality and identity. She received the 1994 Southern California Women for Understanding's "Lesbian Rights Award" and the 1988 National Gay and Lesbian Health Foundation's "Community Service Award for Ongoing Commitment to Lesbian and Gay Health."

Tickets for the event are priced at \$12 for SACWN members and \$17 for non-members, and \$17 at the door and may be purchased by calling (916) 451-8034. This event is open to women over 21 years of age.

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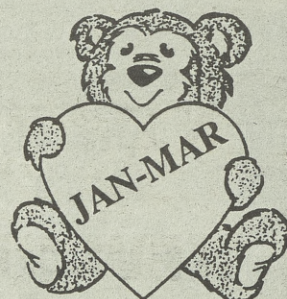


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# Russian River

## Pets Are Loving Support for People With AIDS

**A**nimals touch our lives in wonderful ways. They give us love and companionship, and for people with AIDS or ARC they can improve the quality and length of life. That's why Pets are Loving Support was founded in 1991.

In many cases, the animals are the primary emotional support for their owners. They provide unconditional love and companionship at a time when

erinary Hospital. Other major contributors include Superior Propane, the Willows Resort, Western Farm Center and the Guerneville Safeway. "These

**"The human/animal bond is very important and provides so much love."**

other support systems often disappear.

President of the Russian River chapter of Pets are Loving Support, Rob Clark, became involved in the organization for personal reasons. "I care for animals and I have seen how pets improved the lives of close friends with AIDS. The human/animal bond is very important and provides so much love."

Currently the local organization has nearly 45 clients and the pets vary from dogs and cats to birds and a potbelly pig.

Volunteers help clients, many of whom are on a fixed monthly incomes, to care for their animal friends. Pets are Loving Support provides a variety of services so that the clients can continue to enjoy the companionship of their pets.

Primarily, the volunteers provide food and in-home care for the animals. Sometimes, for health reasons, the clients are unable to give their pets the basic everyday needs such as food, water, exercise or a clean litter box.

The organization also provides animal boarding when a client is hospitalized, funds for emergency veterinary services, as well as transportation to and from the vet, and in some cases animal placement.

Some of the supporting professional organizations include the Sonoma County Humane Society and the Occidental Vet-

really make all the difference in the world."

Vaccination clinics are held at scheduled intervals throughout the year, and volunteer vets coordinate spay and neutering clinics.

Pets are Loving Support volunteers also participate in a variety of fund-raising events county-wide. They provide literature and sell merchandise at many fairs and festivals held throughout the year. Volunteers also collect food and supplies for their organization's Food Bank.

As a concerned organization serving the community, Pets are Loving Support provides training for volunteers in client services. Orientation for new volunteers are held often. In addition, periodic workshops by local veterinarians and physicians focus on the special problems of serving people with AIDS.

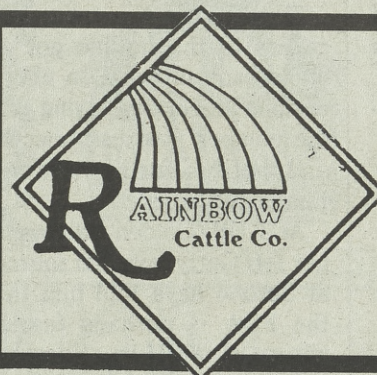
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are needed to provide these important services by either becoming a volunteer or by giving a tax-deductible donation. Volunteers are needed for many tasks from food delivery to secretarial work.

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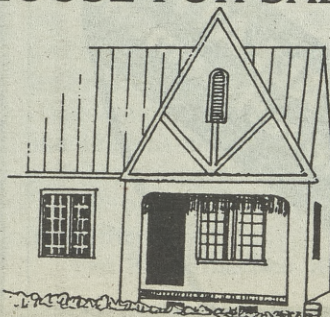
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# The AIDS File

by Bruce Mirken

## Activists Zap FDA

AIDS activists are furious at the Food and Drug Administration over an apparent move to block access to recombinant human growth hormone (rHGH), an extremely promising treatment for AIDS-related wasting syndrome. Hopes for a quick "Treatment IND" program to make the drug available to patients with wasting who haven't been helped by conventional treatments have floundered as the FDA and the drug's manufacturer, Serono laboratories, have reportedly continued haggling over the data needed to approve such a plan.

But a way seemed to have been found for desperate PWAs to get their hands on growth hormone through Canada, where it is already available for wasting. Serono Canada had set up a toll-free hotline through which doctors could access the drug, and because U.S. law allows importation for personal

use of medicines from abroad that aren't approved here, there seemed to be no problem with U.S. physicians making use of the same mechanism to obtain the drug for patients in urgent need. The respected newsletter AIDS Treatment News published the number, and ACT UP/Golden Gate, which has been leading the activist community's efforts around rHGH, happily faxed out a press release with the good news.

But in early November U.S. callers to the hotline got an unpleasant surprise: a phone company recording saying that the number was disconnected and that "no further information is available."

ACT UP/Golden Gate member Jeff Getty says that sources at Serono have told him that the FDA -- perhaps fearing misuse of rHGH by athletes -- quietly but clearly let them know they should not send the drug into the U.S. The FDA, Getty says, "frightened Serono off pretty well, and Serono shut

"So why the hell block something that's clearly moving toward approval?"

down the phone number" to U.S. callers.

Comment from Serono was not immediately available. An FDA spokesman was somewhat cryptic, at first claiming "we took no action," but then adding, "I have no idea whether we talked to the company or not."

The response from AIDS activists has been swift and angry. On Nov. 7, Project Inform founder Martin Delaney fired off a letter to FDA Commissioner David Kessler telling him

the agency should "revert to its previous practice of keeping its nose out of the business of life-threatening patients who wish to purchase a therapy in another country."

"They permit all kinds of things under the personal importation policy," including drugs with less data behind them than growth hormone, Delaney explained to this reporter. "So why the hell block something that's clearly moving toward approval?"

Meanwhile, Getty -- who himself had shown dramatic improvement as a participant in the growth hormone study presented at the AIDS Conference in Yokohama -- put together a conference call of activists around the country, who decided to "zap" Kessler and FDA AIDS coordinator Randall Wykoff with a blitz of phone calls and faxes on Nov. 15.

Getty and Delaney both fear that a potentially life-saving drug is being caught up in a bad relationship between the company -- which the activists agree shares part of the blame -- and the FDA. This situation, says Delaney, is "not acceptable at all."

## FDA Warns Buyer's Clubs

On another front, the FDA has been quietly warning AIDS buyers' clubs around the country not to carry thalidomide, a source close to the clubs reports.

Thalidomide is a drug which has been used with some success to treat aphthous ulcers in people with AIDS, and has shown some value as a therapy for wasting syndrome, with more studies underway. It also has shown anti-HIV activity in the test tube, although it has yet to be demonstrated whether it has any value as an antiretroviral when given to

patients.

The problem with thalidomide is that when taken by pregnant women it produces horrendous birth defects; it was the "thalidomide babies" of the early sixties that produced a severe tightening of FDA drug-approval rules. The buyers' club folks take this concern very seriously, and had been evaluating ways to make sure, if they chose to handle thalidomide, that any woman considering taking it would get a loud, clear, impossible-to-ignore warning about the dangers. But why, they wonder, should the real danger for pregnant women keep a potentially valuable medicine out of the hands of men, who can't get pregnant, or those women who don't have any intention of getting pregnant?

## Gene Therapy

"Gene therapy" has become a hot item in medical research of late, and in theory it could be a boon to AIDS treatment. For example, it may someday be possible to insert a gene into stem cells -- the cells from which all blood cells, including those targeted by HIV, grow -- that would protect them against the virus, thus creating a pool of immune system cells that HIV can't touch.

But Dr. Donald Kohn of the University of Southern California, speaking Nov. 12 at the New Directions in Antiviral Chemotherapy conference in San Francisco, warned physicians not to expect miracles anytime soon. Though experiments done thus far have shown some promise, Kohn said, "our current ability to transfer the [new] gene into the cells is quite modest," and a great many practical obstacles remain.

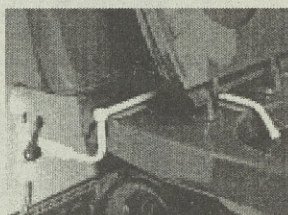
A recurring theme in AIDS research thus far is that often "things that sound good in the laboratory don't work in patients very well."

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# San Francisco

## Youth Are Targeted by New AIDS Education Campaign

**B**ay Area Young Positives, a peer-support group for young people with HIV, recently released a poster campaign touting the agency's counseling services and social events for HIV-positive Bay Area youth.

The agency's programs include one-to-one peer counseling, a wide variety of support groups, health and social services, educational workshops, and a buddy program to help young people with HIV connect with another BAY Positives member.

The campaign kickoff coincided with the seventh annual World AIDS Day, a global event commemorating and celebrating those affected by HIV and AIDS. The theme of this year's World AIDS Day observance is "AIDS and Families: Protect and



Care for the Ones We Love" -- which, according to Antigone Hodgins, 26, executive director of BAY Positives, speaks directly to the concerns of young people with HIV.

"No HIV-infected youth is an island, although it can feel that way at times," said Hodgins, who is living with HIV. "We are sons and daughters, brothers and sisters. With support groups and peer-counseling, BAY Positives provides a new kind of family

for youth with HIV, one that is compassionate, caring, and understanding."

With the headline, "Young People With HIV Supporting or not insured at all, and are employed in low-paying jobs. Some do not have a regular doctor. Others have been kicked out of their homes for their sexual orientation or their HIV status. BAY Positives offers an alternative to the fear and panic some young people experience when they're HIV-positive."

Recent studies show there have been 2,542 cases of AIDS diagnosed in San Francisco among young people aged 20-29, representing one in eight cases. The vast majority of them contracted HIV in their teens or early twenties. New HIV infections in the city are expected to occur at a rate of 4% annually among gay and bisexual men ages 17 to 25, as against an annual rate of 1.5% among adult gay and bisexual men. That is about 200 young gay and bisexual men becoming infected with HIV each year.

Statewide, nearly one in six AIDS cases is among young people in their twenties and youth are among the fastest growing populations of people with AIDS.

Bay Area Young Positives was founded in January of 1990, when two HIV service providers began facilitating a Monday night drop-in support group after concluding city HIV services lacked youth sensitivity. Soon that group was youth-led: the peer facilitation model proved highly effective in supporting the nearly 200 HIV-positive youth that attended over the next few years.

After receiving federal funding through the Ryan White CARE Act in December 1993, BAY Positives moved into Lover Haight quarters early this year, and remains the only purely peer-based program run by and for HIV-positive young people in the Bay Area.

The San Francisco AIDS

Foundation funded the BAY Positives poster campaign with \$35,000 received from KKSF, 103.7 FM. The radio station

earmarked monies earned by a special sale compact disc for a broad range of HIV-prevention programs for young people.



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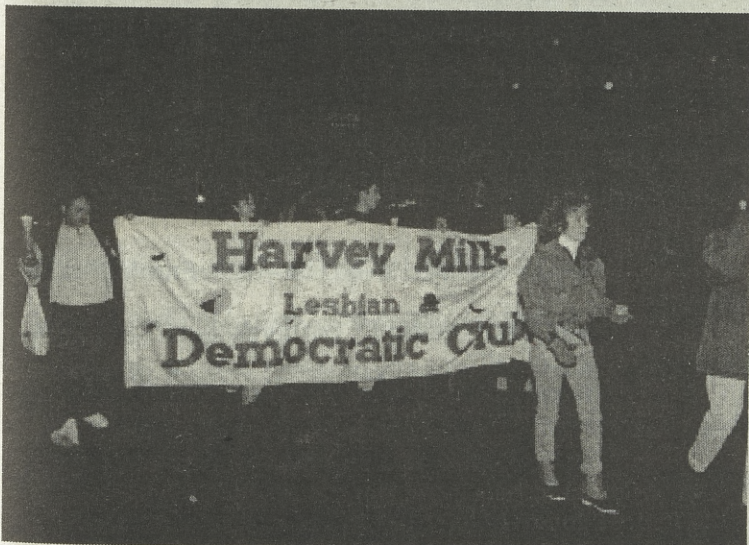
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Supervisor Carole Migden leads the crowd of 250 marchers from the Castro to City Hall for the 16th Anniversary Harvey Milk/ George Moscone annual candlelight march and memorial. Milk and Moscone were murdered by Dan White in 1978.

# SOUND advice:

Welcome one and all, to the bash of the year! Don't blow

all the **ruckus**, I'm sure you'll find something to your liking

**S**o, if you've got last-minute shopping to do, grab some finger foods, a napkin and be prepared to scribble down some of these tasty suggestions!

A stop in the **Yuletide** section is sure to get you into that festive spending mood! Mariah Carey's "Merry Christmas" leads the bunch opening with a version of "Silent Night" that only Mariah could

do- Silent? Ha!! Carey scales her vocal heights as always on her own tunes( the incredibly catchy "All I Want for Christmas is You")as well as standards such as "O Holy Night" ,Phil Spector's "Christmas (Baby Please

Come Home)" and a dance-ready "Joy to World."

Natalie Cole's "Holly & Ivy" livens up the season with some swingin' fun and her own version of Dad's "The Christmas Song". Neil Diamond follows up his 1992 "Christmas Album" with the imaginatively titled "Christmas Album Volume II", and "Joyful Christmas" sees artists such as Oleta Adams, Patti LaBelle and Lou Rawls doing the gospel thing.

## Yuletide



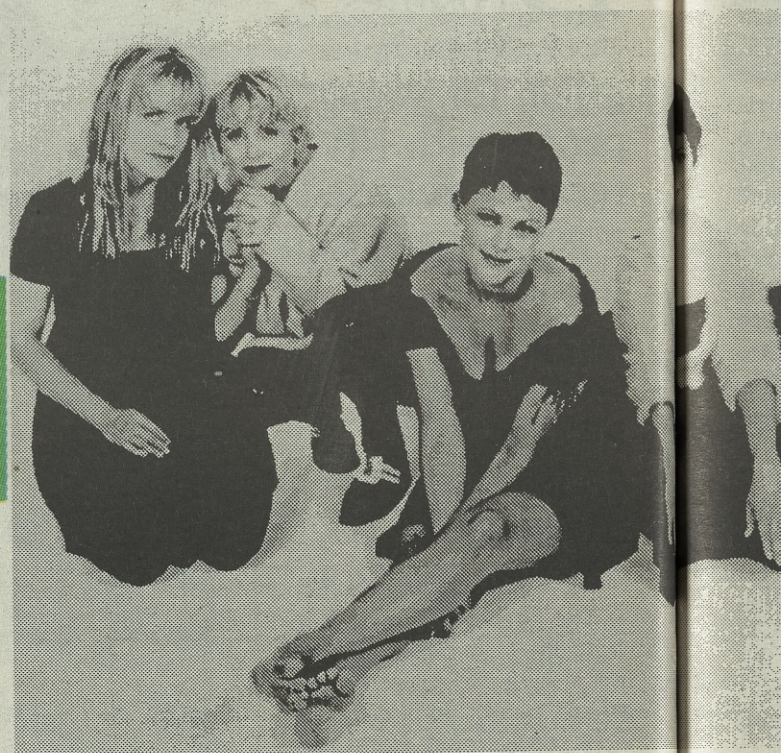
This time of year sees nearly as many Hits Collections as maxed out credit cards, and this year is

certainly no exception.

Listening to the "Best of Sade" shows that while the band didn't vary much stylistically, over the course of four albums, they produced a bundle of sultry gems - from 1984's "Hang On To Your Love," through 1993's "No Ordinary Love."

Culled from the same era, Sting's "Fields of Gold: The Best of Sting 1984 - 1994," strips most of his aristocratic pretense away, leaving several classics from his four albums, and two strong new tunes... I don't mean to quibble, but both the import CD and the U.S. video version include other songs ("Demolition Man" and "It's Probably Me") that could make this indispensable. Bah humbug! Bob Seger's "Greatest Hits" took me by surprise - whether or not you're a fan, put this on and I guarantee that you'll be singing along in no time to some sturdy tunes that we've taken for granted, like "Old Time Rock & Roll," "Hollywood Nights" and "Against the Wind."

Also in the hits gravy line: Bob Dylan's got a new collection - "Greatest Hits Volume 3," which features "Tangled Up in Blue," "Knockin on Heaven's Door" and "Forever Young."



"Brave Boys: The Best & More" gathers over a decade's worth of material by gay music pioneers Romanovsky & Phillips, updating some, as the street-smart opener "Ho Ho Homophobia".

Anne Murray's "The Best...So Far" collects 19 tunes from Murray's 26 year career, including "Snowbird" and "You Needed Me".

Collecting highlights and rarities from Modern Rock vets Concrete Blonde ("Still in Hollywood") and Red Hot Chili Peppers ("Out in L.A.") will no doubt give fans of either a healthy grin.

## What Year Is This?

If your intended loved last year's Frank Sinatra duets disc, "Duets II" will surely quell that desire. Featuring Steve Lawrence/Eydie Gorme and Frank Junior, Frank Sr. sums it up on the Jimmy Buffet duet, "Mack the Knife", when he sings "Louis Armstrong, Bobby Darin, they did this song nice, lady Ella too, they all sang it with so much feeling,

, to the **biggest** holiday  
n't b overwhelmed by  
r ling in here.

that ol' blue eyes ain't gonna  
add anything new" and how!  
Sinatra isn't alone in looking  
back with his new work- both  
**Gloria Estefan** and **Willie  
Nelson** return to the past on  
their respective discs. Estefan's  
"*Hold Me Thrill Me Kiss Me*"  
consists of songs that Gloria  
says "not only moved me  
personally, but eventually  
influenced my singing style." On  
some of the upbeat tunes (



And over in the corner next to the  
lava lamp are **Gladys Knight** and

**Barry White** doing the hustle. Both are back  
again with albums that both embrace and update  
their styles, which were cemented in the 70's.  
Knight's "*Just For You*" finds Gladys in gorgeous  
vocal shape on new tunes and culminates in a  
riveting medley featuring "If You Don't Know Me By  
Now" and Boyz II Men's "End of the Road".  
White's "*The Icon is Love*" opens with the number  
one hit "Practice What You Preach" and brings his  
love-den speak/sing style into the 90's.

## Gimme A Beat!

**Prince's** long-bootlegged 1988 "*Black Album*"  
makes a two- month visit to record stores and  
funks throughout, while disturbing the mind with  
pre-gangsta dark humor on the violent "Bob  
George". Not as shocking now, but you'll be  
kicking yourself if you don't snatch it up while it's  
available!

"*This is the Sound of TRIBAL United Kingdom*" has  
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Not counting the 16 disc Aerosmith collection,  
most of this year's gift-giving boxed sets consist  
of an affordable two or three discs.

"**Tina Turner**, *The Collected Recordings:  
Sixties to Nineties*" seems a bit abrupt, with just  
three discs to cover Turner's entire career. Disc  
one features the early years with Ike, and Disc  
Three includes her post-comeback singles for  
anyone who doesn't already have 1991's  
"Simply the Best" collection, which leaves Disc  
Two as the real find here- a hodge podge of  
movie songs, b-side covers and duets. Opening  
with "Acid Queen", we are treated to Tina's Led  
Zep cover "Whole Lotta Love", as well as Robert

## Gift Sets

Palmer's "Johnny & Mary" & "Addicted to Love",  
Prince's "Let's Pretend We're Married", ZZ Top's  
"Legs", "Don't Turn Around" (A hit for Ace of  
Base this year) and a breathtaking version of the  
Motel's "Total Control".

**Woodstock '94** will please anyone who went,  
with a single song each by the likes of Melissa  
Etheridge, Salt-n-Pepa, and Nine Inch Nails.  
"**WAR Anthology: 1970-1994**" has enough  
classics ( "Why Can't We Be Friends?", "Low  
Rider") to keep you funk'n' on into the new year!  
"*Return to the Valley of the Go Go's*" is a  
surprising collection for anyone who best  
remembers the all-girl band's poppy early 80's  
hits. With generous live and rehearsal  
recordings, RTTVOTGG revises history by  
portraying the ladies more as precursors to  
today's Riotgrrrls (with the ragged "Screaming"  
and "Johnny Are You Queer?") than as the  
cheesy Vegas waterskiiers of "Vacation" that we  
all loved. The 3 new songs show that there's still  
life in these valley girls.

Happy shopping and above all, happy holidays!

-**Bill Peterson**



"Everlasting Love" and "Turn The Beat Around")  
Gloria and hubby/producer Emilio modernize the  
sound to fit into a contemporary dance setting, but  
elsewhere, Estefan's versions are too faithful to the  
originals, leaving you wanting something new.  
**Willie Nelson's** "*Healing Hands of Time*" sees Old  
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## ASIAN

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part of this acclimation, today's generation of Japanese Americans identify themselves according to the sequential number of their generation, counting up from the generation of

their family's first immigrants.

Denise Okamoto explained, "I am a fourth generation Japanese American. I think of myself as a hot dogs and hamburgers kind of girl. But it's not like that for everyone." Khai, one of the co-founders of the group, is a Vietnamese/Chinese immigrant. Brought to the United States by her parents in 1978 as one the so-called "boat people," she feels stronger ties to her Asian ancestry.

One of the pressures faced by a first generation immigrant is the need to succeed. Faced with daily reminders that their parents gave up their country, their home, and virtually all of their belongings in order to give their children a chance at something better, can lead to feelings of guilt for the children. Overriding any personal desire in the face disappointing their parents is not uncommon. Amongst these desires can be

the wish not to identify themselves as lesbian or bisexual. A closet locked from the inside is familiar turf for Asian lesbians.

Khai, along with Lorrie, a Hawaiian born Japanese American, formed the Asian Pacific Sisterhood to create a safe and open environment to explore and empower their ethnicity and sexuality. For many, the singular idea of being a lesbian or bisexual is a whole new territory. "Some people in the group are just learning how to be out to themselves," Denise added. "Others are finding ways to be out to their family or friends."

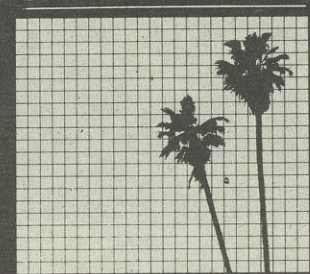
The group is a social support group for Asian women who are lesbian or bisexual or who are in question of their sexual orientation. Misunderstanding the purpose of the group entirely, and in fact demonstrating just how set some stereotypes are, the group received some phone calls from women who identified themselves as non-Asian but who were looking for Asian women to date. "It was like the lesbian version of mail order brides," Denise said and laughed.

When asked whether there were many couples of mixed ethnicity, Khai's sister responded, "It's probably more common to see a mixed couple, an Asian and another race, especially white." Being gay has typically been perceived as being a very white (Caucasian) thing in some Asian cultures and it is therefore not atypical to see a mixed couple of Asian and Caucasian ethnicity.

It helps the group, now at about 25 women, to see the dynamic range of women attending the meetings -- that there is no set stereotype. For some members the strongest bonds form on bridges of sexuality, for others it is their common Asian heritage, and for others it is simply that they are women.

Regardless of how each identifies most strongly, the shared similarities allow for an immediate acceptance of each other. "We have one woman who drives up from Oakland to come to our meetings," Denise offered as an indication of the unity and strength the group provides. The group meets every Sunday at 4 p.m. either in Davis or in Sacramento. Please call Adrienne at (916) 442-7769 or Judy at (916) 753-6093 for more information.

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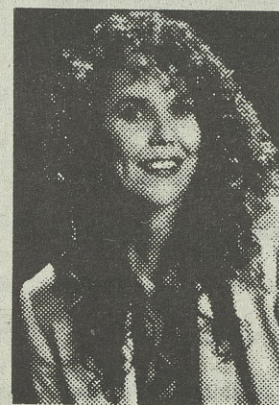
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**Holly Near** - Winter Song Concert at the Palms in Davis. 7 and 9 p.m. shows. Tickets \$15.50.

**Being Gay Today** - Channel 17 - "Momentum" public affairs program from Washington D.C., "Outlook Video" from the Bay Area. Also airs on the Dec. 16 and 17. Thursdays at 10 p.m., Fridays at 4 p.m., Saturdays at 10 a.m.



### DECEMBER 16

**Melonnee and The Promises** perform at Jammin' Jo's Sports and Dance Bar - \$3 cover. For more info call (916) 457-7888.

### DECEMBER 17

**The Lambda Community Center** will be transformed into an old fashioned Victorian arts and crafts fair, with food, music and entertainment. Local artists and musicians. Fair will continue through Dec. 18.

**Sacramento FrontRunners** -- Lesbian & Gay running club, morning run. For more info call (916) 974-8199.

**Sacramento Gender Association** Christmas Party. Bring a wrapped gift, valued at \$5-\$10. Gift exchange will take place at end of evening. 7:30 p.m. dinner and social. For more info call (916) 482-7742.

### DECEMBER 20

**Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Inc.** will meet 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room, St. Marks United Methodist Church, 2391 St. Marks Way, (corner of Lusk), Sacramento. Will Green, MD, will lead a rap session. For more info call (916) 722-0327.

### DECEMBER 21

**Lesbian and Gay Business Alliance** will meet at 7 p.m. for the annual Christmas party. All members are encouraged to partake in this festive event. For more info call (916) 863-9733.

### DECEMBER 22

**Being Gay Today** - Channel 17 - presents "Outrageous II," featuring a vast variety of gay related comical sketches. Also airs on the Dec. 23 and 24. Thursdays at 10 p.m., Fridays at 4 p.m., Saturdays at 10 a.m.

**Jammin' Jo's Sports and Dance Bar** Christmas Party featuring live music by Second Wind. 7 p.m. dinner buffet. \$3 portion goes to Lambda Center. For more info call (916) 457-7888.

### DECEMBER 23

**The latest ISSUE's annual Holiday Party.** The community is invited to our office at 709 28th Street to celebrate this season of love and sharing. 7 p.m.

**Cafe' Lambda** will host a "Holiday Dinner with the Family." Turkey and duck will be served along with all the basic side dishes and live entertainment. Call 442-0185 for more information.

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### DECEMBER 25

**Christmas Day.** Happy Holidays from the staff of *the latest ISSUE*.

### DECEMBER 28

**The Valley Bears** board meeting. All are welcome, call (916) 452-4748 for more details.

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**Being Gay Today** - Channel 17 - Local leftovers. Some great clips from shoots that couldn't fit in 94 programs. Airs on Dec. 30 and January 1st. Every Thursday at 10 p.m., Fridays at 4 p.m., Saturdays at 10 a.m.

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### DECEMBER 31

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### JANUARY 5

**Being Gay Today** - Channel 17 - Guests will include Keith Smith, Director of Sacramento AIDS Foundation, Marty Keller, President of the Republican Log Cabin Club, and members of the Greater Sacramento Area Couples Organization. Airs Jan. 6 and 7. Thursday at 10 p.m., Friday at 4 p.m., Saturday at 10 a.m.

### JANUARY 7

**Jammin' Jo's Sports and Dance Bar** - "Venus Envy" at 8 p.m. Begins tonight and continues every Saturday. For more info call (916) 457-7888.

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**Being Gay Today** - Channel 17 - "Momentum" and "Outlook Video." Also airs Jan. 13 and 14. Thursday at 10 p.m., Friday at 4 p.m., Saturday at 10 a.m.

### JANUARY 13

**Singer/Songwriters: Kelly Conway, Joan Hawkins, Laura Bowly, Elaine Bolton & Amy Simpson** at Jammin' Jo's Sports and Dance Bar \$5 advance \$7 at the door 8 p.m. Dancing after the show with music by DJ Joey. For more info call (916) 457-7888.



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claiming its first victim in the person of Lieutenant Andrew Holmes. While Holmes was being robbed of his career, several of the journalists covering his hearing complained about not being chosen to cover Clinton.

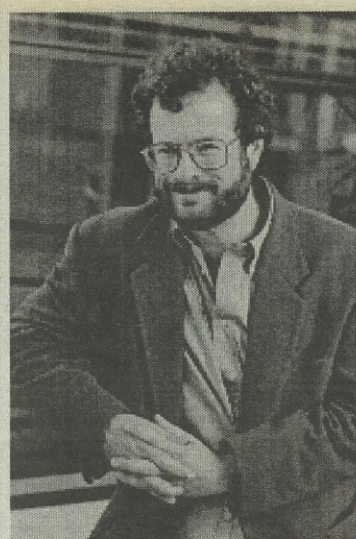
The big news in June was the long anticipated Stonewall 25 celebration in New York. Faced with criticism during its planning, Stonewall 25 nevertheless turned out to be a largely successful weekend of meetings, rallies, parties, celebrity appearances, and curb to curb crowds in Greenwich Village. International press carried stories explaining the significance of the Stonewall Riots in 1969, information heretofore ignored by the mainstream culture.

Sharon Bottoms, the lesbian mom who had her son Tyler taken from her by the state of Virginia solely because of her sexuality, appeared with her lover at the Central Park rally. In one of the emotional high points of Stonewall 25 the crowd spontaneously began chanting "Don't give up!" Bottoms won custody back later in the month, but her mother appealed the ruling and the courts so far have kept the child with the grandmother pending a new ruling.

Also taking place in New York City during early June were Gay Games IV. Sacramentans, including skating gold-medalist J.P. Licari and swimmer Theresa Muth and her athlete lover Maggie Redmon, brought an impressive pile of medals. Olympic champion diver Greg Louganis finally came all the way out of his closet. Olympic swimming medalist Bruce Hayes set four more records at the games.

For many, though, the real highlight of Gay Games IV was the appearance of Martina Navratilova, queen of the tennis courts and America's premiere out athlete. Martina's appearances this year carry a bittersweet tone for her legions of fans both gay and straight. She announced that, except for a few lingering contracted appearances in team matches next year, she will be retiring this year from professional tennis. Yet as she winds down her time on the court she is winding up her involvement in gay and lesbian civil rights. Martina will be a force for a long time.

While the rest of the country celebrated June with pride events and parades, Shannon Byrne of Atlanta, Georgia made



Rink Foto

### Author and activist Randy Shilts died of AIDS in 1994.

the very serious decision to come out of the closet and oppose the actions of her father, one of the Cobb County commissioners who passed a resolution condemning gays and lesbians. Partially due to her bravery, the U.S. Olympic Committee decided to remove Cobb County as a sight for any of the events in the 1996 Olympics.

Again on the television front, lesbian comic Suzanne Westenhoeffer was courted heavily in the spring for an appearance on her own summer comedy special. It aired July 19. (Westenhoeffer also appeared at the big rally in Central Park at the end of the Stonewall 25 march in New York City.) Also making further inroads for lesbians in the arts were the female producers of the movie "Go Fish." The film, a comedy about the lives and loves of three Chicago lesbians, received critical acclaim and positive audience response.

As for gay men, we had Elton John, out, proud, and getting lots of work. Not the least of his accomplishments was the score for the Disney summer release "The Lion King." Apparently after Howard Ashman managed to breath life back into Disney animation films through his writing and producing on "The Little Mermaid" and "Beauty And The Beast" and "Aladdin," Disney decided to stick with the winning formula and let a gay man touch the hearts of the children. It worked again. Elton's music made magic with children worldwide.

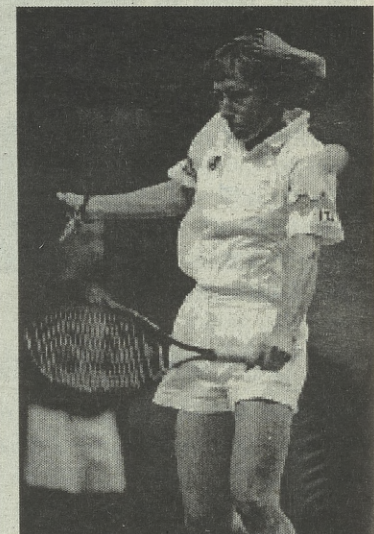
August began with another bigoted move by North Carolina's homophobic Senator Jesse Helms. The Senator tried to amend the federal education appropriations bill to forbid funds to any district that promoted, encouraged or treated positively homosexuality. Gay and Lesbian activists across the country faulted the Washington-based national gay organi-

zations for failing to alert the community nationwide until it was almost too late. Thanks to allies like Senator Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts, Helms's efforts failed eventually.

For many women, the summer ended on a positive note with the 15th Annual West Coast Women's Music and Comedy Festival. The ubiquitous Suzanne Westenhoeffer joined veterans like Holly Near and Cris Williamson, who never seem to fail in pleasing their audiences. The weekend was a riot of music, comedy, dancing, and women, women, women.

A sobering event for the international gay and lesbian community happened in September in New York. The United Nations Economic and Social Council kicked out the International Lesbian and Gay Association for its support of NAMBLA (North American Man Boy Love Association) and two other groups that tolerate or encourage pedophilia. IGLA was the first gay and lesbian group to ever be granted observer status in the United Nations.

Closer to home, Governor



Judi Parks

### Martina Navratilova hosted Gay Games IV in New York.

Pete Wilson vetoed the Domestic Partnership Bill, the needle exchange bill, the medical marijuana use bill, and a host of other bills on the agenda of the LIFE AIDS Lobby.

On a lighter international note, a gay themed film from down under lit up the U.S. silver screen in September: "Priscilla, Queen of the Desert." This funny, wonderful story of two drag queens and a transsexual traveling across the Australian outback to a performance, which they had to rehearse along the way, managed to play with flamboyant stereotypes while giving the characters a humanity and warmth that overshadowed bias -- an approach our gay leaders in Washington would do well to embrace.

The laughter continued in October with Comedy Central's

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Armistead Maupin's *Tales of the City* was a mega-hit. Censorship kept PBS from filming additional Maupin tales.

all gay comedy special "Out There II," hosted by Amanda Bearse (Marcy Darcy on "Married With Children") and filmed during the week of Stonewall 25 in New York. Bearse charmed the crowds at the Stonewall Rally in New York and spent a great deal of time this year talking to national media about gay and lesbian folk. Her eloquence and disarming humor have made her one of our leading spokespeople of 1994.

On National Coming Out Day, the Colorado Supreme Court finally ruled Amendment 2 unconstitutional.

All was not laughter and celebration in October. In Mississippi, 15 miles from Camp Sister Spirit, two gay men were murdered. The pants of one of them was pulled down. Soon after the murders, shots were fired across the CSS property. Jones County police called it a robbery related murder. Across the country in San Francisco, Victor Rohana was shot and seriously wounded for holding hands with his boyfriend when leaving a cafe on Market Street.

November, election month. The elections permeated every week of every month in 1994, and they finally came to a head in November. And what a blemish it was! The Republican elephant stormed into Washington and into the state houses. Proposition 187 codified anti-immigrant hysteria. Heil! Still there were bright spots.

The anti-gay initiatives went down to defeat in Oregon and Idaho. Activists finally learned to undermine the "special rights" lie of the Christian right. Christian right activists were voted out of the school board in Lake County Florida for their support of the xenophobic "America First" curriculum. San

Francisco experienced its second 'lavender sweep' in as many elections. Carole Midgen, Tom Ammiano, and Susan Leal all won election to the Board of Supervisors. Leslie Katz and Lawrence Wong won election to the Community College Board. Dianne Feinstein bucked the Republican trend and won reelection.

California gained its first openly lesbian State Assemblyperson, Sheila Kuehl, the former childhood television star (Zelda from Doby Gillis), lawyer, and university professor. Other states that gained an openly gay legislator are Arizona, Missouri, Washington, Rhode Island, New York, Maine, Texas, and Oregon (which gained three).

All of the openly gay national incumbents won back their seats: Gerry Studts and Barney Frank of Massachusetts, and Steve Gunderson of Wisconsin. (Okay, semi-sort-of-openly gay. At least he admitted to The Advocate that his boyfriend is gay.)

Of the 55 or so openly gay or lesbian candidates around the country, 28 won, making this the best year ever for gay candidates. Unfortunately, Tony Miller in California and Karen Burstein in New York were not among the winners.

On the down side, Jesse Helms may be the next chair of the U.S. Foreign Relations Committee in the Senate. Of course, given the number of controversial statements he has made since the election, this just might be a chance to make his bigotry and irrational dogmatism more accessible so that everybody else can learn to hate him too.

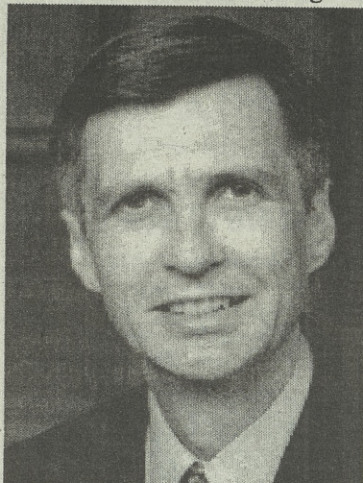
Even Newt Gingrich pulled away from the likes of Helms by making some cautiously pro-gay

comments following the election. One of his younger sisters is gay, and he is good friends with Steve Gunderson of Wisconsin. Bill Clinton, on the other hand, seemed determined to thwart any attempts by the gay and lesbian community to give him another chance.

On a non-political note, November saw the release of yet another study that indicates biological differences between gay and straight men. This time it's a conduit between parts of the brain dealing with speech and perceiving objects. Ours is bigger. (It's a "Yo, dude, got another TV tray?" versus "Oh you go girl, mm-hm, yes Miss Thang that oak and brass coffee table will be just the thing to make it all so faabulous!" kind of thing.) The study was done at McMaster University in Ontario.

In December the courts and the Pentagon continued to defy rational thought in their dealings on the issue of gays in the military. A Navy tribunal ordered Zoe Dunning back to work. Washington won't appeal the reinstatement of Keith Meinhold who was also ordered back to work, this time by civilian courts. Joseph Steffan, on the other hand (or face) was told he would not be reinstated, and Mark A. Phillips was ousted by another board of inquiry in Washington.

Clinton dismissed Surgeon



Openly gay man, Tony Miller, became acting Secretary of State but lost the Nov. election.

General, Joycelyn Elders.

The Israeli Supreme Court issued a ruling supporting gay couple's rights.

Willie Brown is hanging in there.

Another gay man, Ronnie Neal, was murdered in Sacramento the weekend of December 4. I want someone to promise that next year's review won't be framed on both ends with murder. Maybe if we all take a deep breath, get back up and... Merry Christmas, you fabulous, brave people. And happy New Year.

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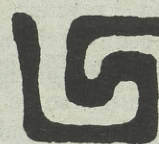
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# Movies

## Sex and Politics Steam Up The Big Screen

by Chris Narloch

**I**s it possible for a woman to rape a man? That's only one of the intriguing questions posed by Barry Levinson's sizzling new drama, "Disclosure," starring Demi Moore and Michael Douglas.

A tale of sex, greed and big business, "Disclosure" has Douglas playing an upwardly mobile techie who suddenly becomes downwardly mobile when

his computer firm merges with another company. Not only does Douglas lose out on a big promotion, he loses it to an old flame (Moore) who has one thing on her mind -- revenge.

Douglas begins getting messages on his "E-mail" like, "Is your cock hard?" so he knows he's in for trouble. And when boss-lady Moore summons him to her office for a private, after-hours meeting, the sexual

interlude that results finds both participants claiming sexual harassment. You'll have to go see the movie to find out exactly what occurs between the pair, but it's pretty steamy and definitely the stuff that lawsuits are made of.

Douglas has never been a favorite of mine, but he's just right as the emasculated victim of a she-devil (he should be since he's played virtually the same role twice before in "Fatal Attraction" and in "Basic Instinct"). When Moore unzips his pants, the sweat on his face is very convincing. Mrs. Bruce Willis has the juicier part, as a ball-breaking bitch in a business suit, and she nails it to the wall. Hell hath no fury like Demi Moore in stiletto heels with her blouse ripped open.



Demi Moore and Michael Douglas star in "Disclosure."

Also featured is Donald Sutherland, who's excellent as Moore's partner in crime and the head of the firm. There's a hysterical scene involving a homoerotic dream Douglas has for Sutherland that alone is worth the price of admission. And the ending, which could have been totally predictable, is a very effective surprise.

Still, the film doesn't take its sensational subject matter quite as far as it might have. I was dying to know what Douglas had done ten years ago that so enraged Moore -- unfortunately, we never find out, and it could have made her character less one-dimensional and allowed us to have a shred of sympathy for her. And the high-tech jargon is pretty dull, aside from a terrific virtual reality sequence towards the end that saves the sluggish third quarter of the picture.

What "Disclosure" does well is show how sex has no place in the work environment, and how a "simple" pat on the behind with a file folder can be seen as an act of aggression. At its gritty best, with Moore on her knees going down on Douglas,

the movie shows us reality -- it's a sexual jungle out there, and you need to have all your wits about you.

### Cruel

I can't let any more time pass without congratulating the folks who put on The Third Annual Sacramento Gay And Lesbian Film Festival last September at the Crest Theater. It was three



"Cruel," a film by Desi del Valle. days of heaven for fans of queer cinema, and one of the highlights for me was meeting Desi del Valle, a Bay Area filmmaker who spoke to the crowd before her excellent lesbian short, "Cruel."

A twenty minute knock-out, continued on page 31

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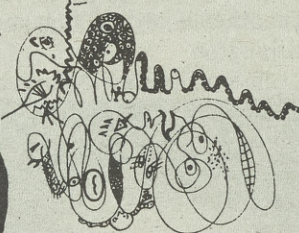
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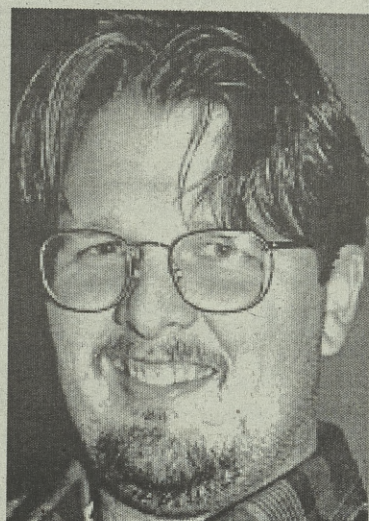
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## What would you like to see happen in 1995?



**Sandy LaBrasca**

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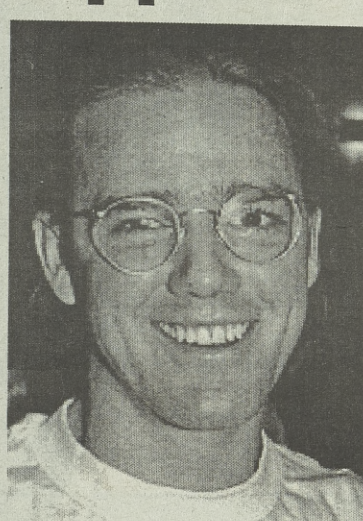
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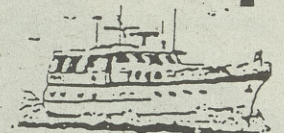
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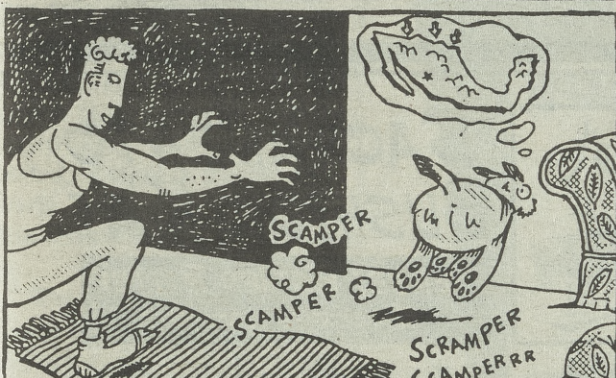
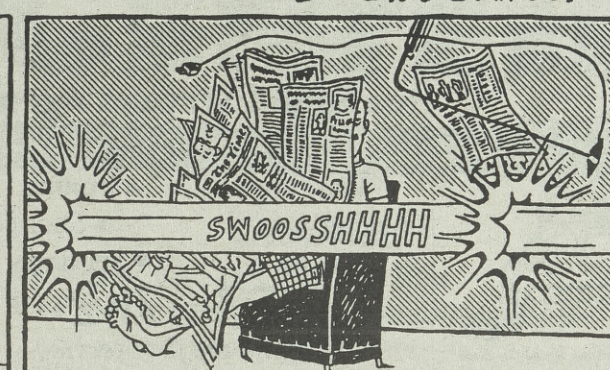
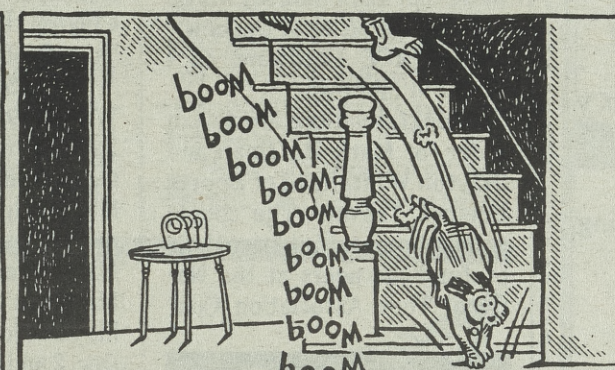
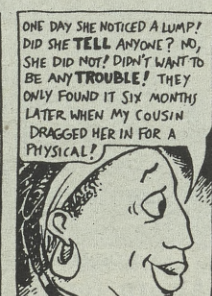
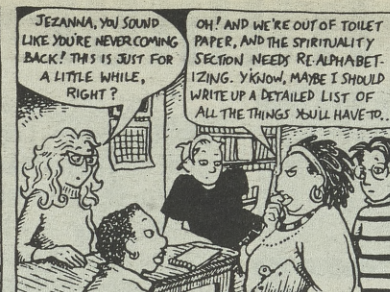
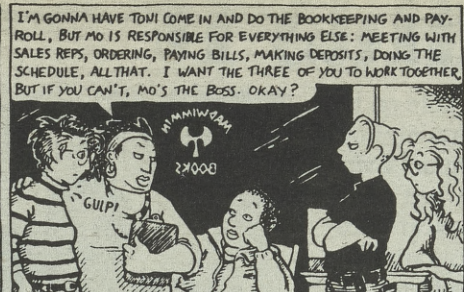
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# Rumor Has It

by Stephanie Carlisle

Boy, I'm sure glad I haven't burned all my bridges with those Republican acquaintances of

mine... What say we hold their feet to the fire for at least the next two years and see whose interests they're really watching out for???

\* Just one more note on the political wars: I certainly hope that my friend Marghe Covino is wrong. She warned me to brush up on my boxcar-decorating skills in preparation for the policy of the Radical Right that ships us all off to concentration camps...

\* Happy birthday to *latest ISSUE* editor, Michael Gorman, Dec. 18 and to the recently born -- Dakota Rose. Dakota Rose was born to Stacey and Roxana on Oct. 13.

\* Congratulations to Jay Alcorn for finally landing steady employment. Now, Jimmy, get over that bad back and don't forget my shorts! For those that know him, Jay will be working the aisles at the newly opened ACE Hardware on I Street in Midtown.

\* Congratulations are also in order for Mark Hoffman and Clayton Whitehead of Sports Leisure Travel. The couple received recognition from their professional peers at the National Tour Association Con-



Mark Hoffman with CEO of Southwest Airlines Herb Kelleher and Clayton Whitehead.

vention, Mark was elected to the board of directors and Clayton became a Certified Tour Professional.

\* NEWSFLASH... The AIDS Walk held annually in June in Sacramento has been moved to October 8, 1995 and is under leadership. One of the coordinators is my co-worker (and Mr. Wreck Room) Steve Martinez. Steve just celebrated his 39th (or 40th?) birthday on Dec. 2 and is busy as a bee. You go, manchild!

\* Also, thanks to Steve, I have learned that the Sacramento Kings will host an AIDS Awareness Day at their Feb. 18 game against the L.A. Clippers. A percentage of the gate will go to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation (SAF), and the Kings will have special jerseys sporting red ribbons. Also, rumor has it that the special guest that evening will be Magic Johnson. For details, ticket info., etc., call SAF at (916) 448-  
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\* A fundraiser for the **LIFE AIDS Lobby** hosted by **John Kiely** and **Jay Feagles** was a grand success. Rumor has it that nearly \$9,000 was raised that evening. The draw of the event was the opportunity to thank **Tony Miller** for his galant campaign for Secretary of State and the chance to congratulate **Sheila Kuehl** on her victory in the election where she won an Assembly seat. Kuehl is going to kick some right wing butt.

\* The **Russian River Resort** has a big holiday fundraiser planned for Christmas Day. The annual **Guest Bartender Marathon** last year raised \$2133 for local charities and this year the Triple R staff hopes to exceed that number.

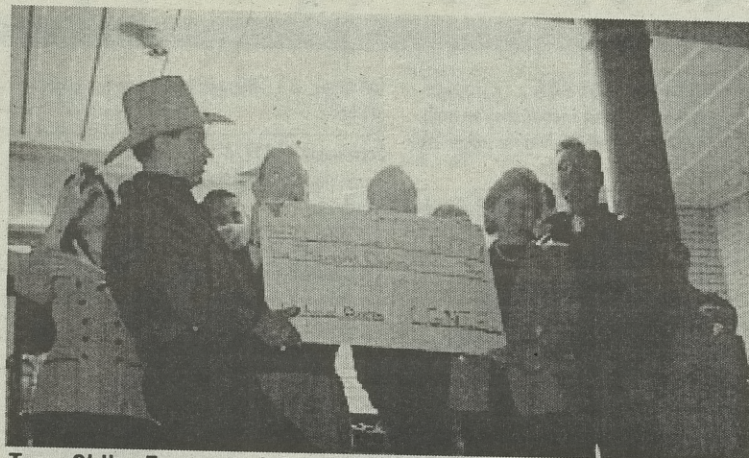
\* Salutations to **John Thacker**, **Mark Ferguson** and **Michael Walker** for successfully completing the pledge process and being initiated into Sacramento State's IOTA Chapter of **Delta Lambda Phi**. They bring welcome new blood...

\* The **AIDS Housing Alliance** is holding their second Holiday Drawing. For \$10 you can buy enough tickets to stretch from fingertip to fingertip with your arms extended... **Empress Racine** had nearly seven feet of tickets. Talk about the long arm of the law...

\* The **Court** will host three events in the fortnight before Christmas. On the 15th, there will be a show at the **Mercantile Saloon**, on the 17th, there will be a show benefitting the **River City Democratic Club** (those Demos need help) at the **Western**. The shows are at 8 and 7 p.m. respectively. On Sunday morning, the 18th, the **Town House** will host a **Bingo Brunch**, beginning at 11:30 a.m., with lots of fun and prizes.

\* The departure of **Rob (Santa) Thorbin** to destinations south, left a void of enormous proportions. Filling the Santa suit this year for the **Lambda Center's** Holiday gathering was the one and only **Charlie Preston**. Great job! Also at the party, the **Court** turned over a check for \$2,500 to **Lambda** with another \$2,500 to follow in April. Wow!

\* Big New Year's Eve parties are planned at all the local bars. **Jammin' Jo's** has an **Erotica Ball** planned that will set the place afire... and **Faces** is cel-



Terry Sidie, Emperors J.P. and Jim turn over a check from CGNIE to the Joanna Cassese of the Lambda Center for \$5,000.

celebrating their 10th Year with a blow-out party. The **Buffalo Club** is bringing in the band, **Deja Blu** to rock and roll into 1995.

\* The **Sacramento Men's Chorus'** holiday concert, "Steppin' On Out!" was a great night. The **Dance-It-Yourself Nutcracker** was the highlight

of the evening and narrator **Lenore Gordon** pulled the audience out of their seats for the grand finale. Chorus members **Paul Simpson**, **Michael Tentis** and of course, **Russell Marsh** (the **Sugar Plum Fairy**) stole the show.

\* Merry Christmas to all, now I've got to go jingle some bells...

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- ▼ CGNIE (last Tuesday of each month) 7:00PM

### Wednesdays

- ▼ Men's Focus Group 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed 7:00PM
- ▼ Eagles (for seniors) 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed 6:30PM
- ▼ Men of Color Support Grp; 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed 6:30PM
- ▼ H.E.A.L. Advisory Board (call for information)

### Thursdays

- ▼ Being Alive Living Room for PWAs 2:00-5:00PM
- ▼ Women's Coming Out Group 6:00PM
- ▼ CODA (co-dependents anonymous) 7:30PM

### Fridays

- ▼ Youth Rap Group (24 & under) 5:45PM
- ▼ Café Lambda 8:00PM

### Saturdays

- ▼ Youth Social (24 & under) 8:00PM
- ▼ Traffic School 1/28 8AM- 4:30PM
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### Sundays

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Lake Tahoe **NEW TO AREA:** Matt, 29, 6', 175, attr, in shape brn/brn like to meet in the area, surr area who like to have fun- ☎17105

Redding **TIED UP IN KNOTS:** iso someone to untie, them 29, 6'1 215, never been with anybody before so I'm looking for friendship poss rel who is discreet, hope to hear from you- ☎16803

Sacramento **BEAR SEEKS STUD:** Len, iso a young male, 18-28, blnd blu, or just a young stud, bear 220, iso a good time poss long rel - ☎16523

Sacramento **ATTN: MACHO HAIRY GUYS:** if ur in Sacto, 24, like macho, hairy, mature, masc guys, if u fit that disc give me a call- ☎16716

Sacramento **HOT ACTION?** tall, very attr masc man 32 iso 25-35 BM who are well end'd in shape looking for hot action- ☎17232

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Sacramento **BE MY DADDY:** WM subm iso older 45+ men to dom me, just be my daddy, like wearing panties, and nylons- ☎15538

Fresno **COLLEGIATE ASIAN MALE,** Alvin, 21, 5'8 dk/brn, nice looking med built, looking for young int guys, race not imp't like music, movies, sports, coll student, like good conversation- ☎16559

Sacto **CONNECT WITH ME,** Brad lkg for a guy not too hairy to connect with, 40's, 6', 190, work out all the time lkg for any age group-sincere, no phonies or barflies- ☎12877

Scto **HEY, SEXY TV'S:** Single WM 40 6' 180 brn/brn mustache, lkg for sexy TV in the area, u must be passable, discreet for a long term rel, bicurious, not into bar scene, want to spend qual time, hot fun, poss long term rel- ☎13050

Sacramento **XXX RATED,** Dennis 28: 6'2 brn/blu we can talk about the things you won't be sorry- ☎9927

Sacramento **EXCEPTIONAL TV,** Div WM 40 6' 175 brn/brn not into bars, smoker, looking for an exceptional TS or TV, sexy, leather to lace, pref subm or mildly dom, looking for long term rel- ☎13438

Sacramento **ALBERTO,** 24 6' like arts, musician, you can give me a call, we can talk and see what happens- ☎8270

Sacramento **BI MALES-** Paul bi looking for other bi males for get togethers and friendship, give me a call- ☎11516

Sacto **JACUZZI FUN,** cple 26 & 30 lkg for 18-25, just put in a new hot tub, good shape, looking to meet to have some fun, lv a message- ☎10760

Sacto **QUIET EVENINGS,** looking to meet 18-29, int are hiking, mtns, ocean, love music and quiet eves together HM or WM lv a message 5'10 180 blnd/blu ☎13774

Sacto **MORE TO LOVE,** 43, 6'3 green/blnd 265, like to know if are any men in the area like a larger man, not looking for rel just friends now- ☎13824

Davis **MORE THAN ONCE,** Tom, Grad student 6' 165, 32, blnd/blu, lkg to get together with guys in the area, one niter or perhaps more- give me a call- ☎13902

Lake Tahoe **STUD SKIER,** needs housing near South Lake Tahoe, 35, mature stable will be commuting, to SD half time well adj, hot horny mus 200 6'3 musc masc- ☎14085

Sacto **22 GBM:** 140 seeks prof'l secure sincere sharing and romanti for friendship rel, shopper, like to dance, lv a message ☎9594

Davis **DEEP THROAT,** wanted clean disc males lay back and appr my oral skills no recip reqd ☎14464

Sacramento **GUYS OR COUPLES, TONY,** GWM 23 5'9 145, brn/brn iso guys or couples 25-35 for good times- ☎14493

Sacto **DAYTIME FUN-** Tom, 41 WM 6'2 185, good shape, dk hair must, iso daytime fun, vers pref being passive- if UR interested, give me a call ☎15100

Citrus Heights **BE DARING!** tired of looking, Dennis, 28, 6'2 brn/blu, you won't be disappointed, we'll talk about all the important things when you call- be daring! ☎9927

Sacramento **COME OUT AND PLAY-** WM, mid 30's good looks great body looking for a younger brother type, 18-24 if u like the outdoors, come out and play- ☎15020

Davis **FUN AND FRIENDS-** 22 College student, lkg for fun and friends maybe both, just want to hear from you lv a message, ok? ☎15245

Sacramento **.....ARE YOU** a goodlooking GWM wanting expert service from a 47 year old man, ☎10735

Sacramento **HOW ABOUT IT?** 46 redhead 6'3 195 want to meet another male, with good physical needs- Sacramento only- WM pref'd well endowed, into french things, my name is Mickey-like to hear from you- ☎10740

Sacramento **DESSERT INCLUDED:** We're a couple in mid/late 20's looking for 18-30 clean cut in good shape, we're the same looking for others for dinner and other fun- ☎10760

Sacramento **THE BIGGER THE BETTER:** Dave, 27 5'7 150 brn/blu italian, clean shaven subm type looking for masc hairy, aggressive over 30 well endowed a + ☎10790

Sacramento **BREAKFAST IN BED?** Michael, 35 GWM 5'10 170 brn/blu int in meeting BM 30-50 for some morning fun in the downtown area- ☎11068

Sacto **IF IT FEELS GOOD, I'LL DO IT:** Johnathan, 27 6'1 160 swimmers build, dk/mustache, like a little older, butch aggressive in bed, like to please- give me a call- ☎11365

Sacto **PAUL,** bi male looking for other bi males red 6'1 180, give me a call- ☎11516

Davis **GAM** 5'8, going to UC Davis looking for WM 18-25, 5'9+ blnd/blue, dining movies, going to the beach- give me a call- ☎11598

Sacramento **A LITTLE CREAM IN YOUR COFFEE:** WM glk end'd top looking for an aggr bottom, for early day session, downtown area- ☎11702

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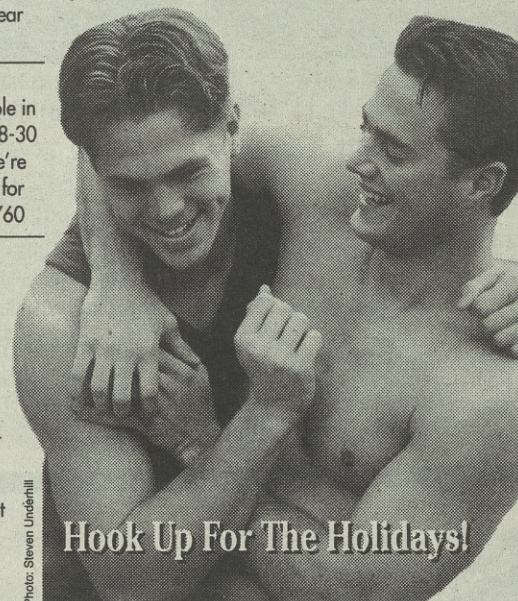
Sacto **NED,** just turned 21, like to live out my fantasies, like to date and have a man in his mid 40's as a boyfriend, like to get into some hot stuff, I'm btm 5'11 155, med brn hair, very nice, like to hear from you- ☎11747

Sacramento **LOOKING FOR MR RED:** Paul bi male looking for other bi males for

fun times, 6'1 180, red hair, give me a call - ☎11516

Sacramento **MATT,** 6' blnd/blu, 180 good shape, lkg to meet dk hairy male older, 30+ big muscly guy, give me a call back if UR int- ☎12236

Sacramento **A LITTLE SAUSAGE ON THE SIDE?** Brent, married bi male 6'2 215 working out looking for some guys to get together on the side enjoy being a top can be vers- ☎12319



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Sacramento **NEW MEAT,** 6', 224 BM looking for hot hungry men! big real men- ☎12372

Sacramento **BIWM 6'4** 200 looking for guys to hang out with, no flakes- ☎12388

Chico **2 + 1 = 3 + FUN:** Two WM seeking gdlkg under 30 sacto area, 6'2 195 brn/grn, other is 5'7 brn/blu, must very open and we seek the same- ☎12340

916 Area code **My name** is Rodney, and i live in a very small town, 30 5'11, 16 green/dk, 30 mi north of Sacto, like to meet other gay men to talk to- give me a call- ☎12672

Roseville **TINY BUBBLES.....My** partner and I are looking for gdlkg guys in the Roseville area to get together sit in the hot tub- give us a call ☎12651

Sacramento **GM** 34, blu eyes, very tired of bars, looking for a no nonsense person- give me a call- ☎12656

Sacramento **JIM,** 33 dk hair/blu must, vers, looking for 24-33, outdoors, quiet eves at home- ☎9324

Sacramento **OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS:** MICHAEL, 35, WM, lt brn/blu, looking for men of color, 30-45, med build, give me a call, open to find something to do and someone to do it with- ☎9370

Sacramento **GBM** seeking GWM GLM, 18-29, call if interested- ☎9466

Sacramento **BI-PARTISAN:** Steve mature educated prof'l, BI, politically active, int in someone fin sound likes to have fun ☎9530

Sacramento **PUMP IT UP!!!** GWM 18, brn/blu 5'7 130, small build, like to meet someone into weightlifting to pose and do a heavy workout while I watch, then get a massage- looking for blnd body builders a + ☎9541

Mt. Shasta **MIKE,** 20 6'1 blnd/blu well built, love to hear from ya, - ☎9584

Citrus Heights **A FLYING TRAPEZE?** Dennis, Daring, hope you are, adventurous a plus- outdoors even better, 28 brn/green 6'2 gdlkg, give me a call, we'll talk about the important things later- ☎9927

Reno **DURAFLAME:** New to Reno tp, 6' 180 beard looking for tp or btm, in front of a fireplace ☎9819

Sacramento **I DREAM OF** Jamie, 39, TV like to find a man, int in a perm rel, if you are the man of my dreams, let me know- ☎9865

Susanville **HEADS OR TAILS?** healthy (+) tp, 6' 180, looking for vers action, ☎9910

Sacramento **I'VE GOT A BIG, BIG, LOVE...** Michael, 29, lkg for someone in the area to get together with, give me a call, I'm built- ☎10443

Sacramento **CAN SOMEONE HELP ME WITH MY DILEMMA?** Garold, curious, bi WM 30 5'11, 195, divorced, blnd/hazel, looking 4 other curious guys, sports, movies, rafting, fun, fit-semi pro-ball-can show me the other side of life, or even the middle- ☎10115

Sacramento **CHRISTOPHER** 21 5'5 135 blk/dk, musc, want to have fun, looking for other fun guys- give me a call- ☎10114

Sacramento **TRILINGUAL:** Italian, 30 good looking, just moved here- looking for a slender 20-32 y/o to share hobbies and good times, swimming, sailing, windsurfing, skiing, camping, biking and foreign languages- ☎10208

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# Horoscope

December closes 1994 on a proud note. In retrospect, while it hasn't been all peaches and cream, it's been a time of palpable, steady progress and strengthened pride. Now, bank on lucky Jupiter to enlarges and energetic Mars to spark new areas of our lives. Are you ready for a change? Read ahead...

## ARIES

Gear up for a new emphasis on work and career. Energetic Mars will stir up the day-to-day job, while other planets force you to plan long term goals. Advance your career with a nifty combination of pure gumption and a little bit of nerve.

## TAURUS

Mars is turning up the juice on fun and frolic while other planets encourage you to take a vacation to parts unknown. Jupiter almost assures you that you won't have to take this trip alone; There is good luck in any sexual relationship.

## GEMINI

Mars encourages you to give yourself a new, fresh base of operations for 1995. Call it 'sprucing up the nest'; lucky and expansive Jupiter is beginning to influence partnerships. Relationships could take on a whole new spin and verve.

## CANCER

Are you a bit more boisterous than usual in December? You must give your opinion and you must give it NOW! Jovial and lucky Jupiter is there to protect you from most of the awful fallout, and who knows, it may just do the trick!

## LEO

Whoever said it is better to receive than to give must have been a Leo. You are even more acquisitive than usual, just in time for the holidays. Share your fortunes with those who appreciate a good time (as long as you remain the boss!)

## VIRGO

A new broom sweeps clean in December. Mars sets you off on new beginnings; new projects, a new "look" in appearance, new people to meet and greet, and I could go on and on...Change can be nerve racking, but I know you are ready!

## LIBRA

You are ready to fight the dragons of inequality, discrimination and deceptiveness with Mars as your trusty weapon. Libras can be swayed to action by sheer nerve, but fight you fight with words and you will fare much better.

## SCORPIO

Money comes in unexpectedly. It's a delightful aroma as friends come out of the woodwork to share in your gains. Scorpions can distinguish schnorrers from true pals; You know who loves you and who is just along for the ride.

## SAGITTARIUS

Feisty Mars is creating a firestorm professionally and Jupiter allows lucky beginnings. The most important thing is to be your jolly self. Reap the rewards; You have played second fiddle far too long and can now claim first place.

## CAPRICORN

Your intuition proves to be right on target so go with your gut. Jupiter also indicates that if you can find it in your heart to be extra generous in December, it will have lucky repercussions for you. In other words, give once, receive tenfold.

## AQUARIUS

Mars heats up your sex drive and you may bite off more than you can chew. Jupiter makes friendships extra special, but don't confuse friends with lovers. Friends are there in both good and bad times. Reward them for it platonically.

## PISCES

Solidify partnerships. Fiery Mars pushes you to demand what is rightfully yours in a relationship, come what may. (And come what may may not be so bad. Sometimes, dear Pisces, you need to be hard to be soft!)

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## MOVIES

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in evocative black and white, the film's title refers to the demise of a relationship and the inevitable fact that a broken heart is cruel even when no one is to blame. The story centers on Isabel, whose girlfriend leaves her for another woman, leading our heroine

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